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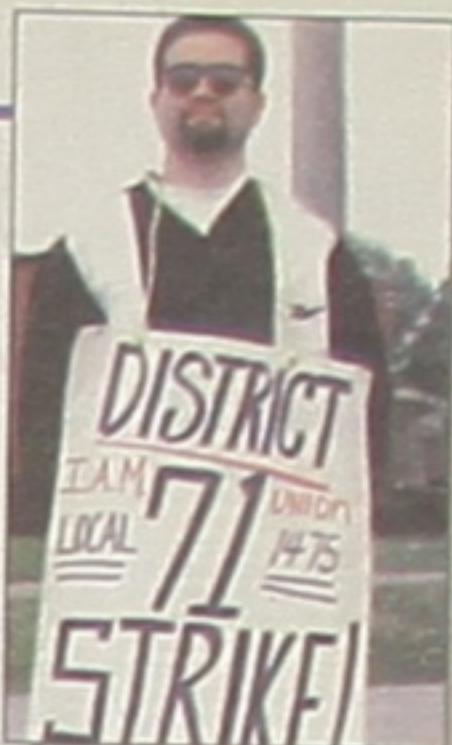
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## College's day care raises rates 32 percent

Parents will begin paying an extra \$3.50 every day

BETH HAMILTON  
STAFF WRITER

Money or lack thereof affects people in many ways. Parents at Missouri Southern may confront this issue as the rates at the Child Development Center (CDC) increase from \$11 to \$14.50 per day per child.

"I wish it had been a little more gradual," said Val Carlisle, coordinator of student activities. "For me it's not that big of a problem because my son will only be there in the summer. But I know for students

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it's a significant increase in their budget all at once because it will cost an extra \$80 to \$100 a month."

She said her child will not be returning next fall because he will start kindergarten. Carlisle believes the increase was necessary.

"This will help the CDC a lot, I don't doubt that a bit," she said. "I love it, it's the most wonderful place. All other places in the area pale by comparison."

Amber Tankersley, continuing her first year as director of the CDC, decided on the increase after talking to Southern's business office and budgeting director Jeff Gibson. Tankersley said the CDC tries to support itself while staying within the budget the College sets for it.

"I haven't heard any [complaints] so far," she said. "I called some of the area day-care centers and we were still one of the cheapest around."

Tankersley said most are charging \$17 to \$20 a day. Due to the increase, an explanatory note was sent to parents of children who attend the CDC.

"I think with our status as accredited, even with our rate increase, people are really getting a bargain for the money," she said. "I think the rate increase was necessary."

The CDC is licensed for 55 children, but Tankersley said it serves 65 to 70 and is open to children of students, faculty, and staff.

"I think the increase is pretty steep," said

Koral Chenoweth, sophomore business major.

Even if her son was not beginning school she would continue use of the CDC.

"It's a wonderful program," Chenoweth said. "My daughter went to the CDC when my husband was in school, and now my son has been there for two and a half years."

She said she is comfortable with leaving her son at the CDC because the staff is extremely qualified.

"For what they do out there for the kids, if their rates are comparable to the other day cares, I'm for the rate increase," Chenoweth said.

The hours of the center are from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. during the school year and 6:45 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. during the summer. □

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Amber Tankersley  
CDC director

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COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

## Two new majors coming next fall

BY J.L. GRIFFIN  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

While the rest of the country's colleges and universities downsize their foreign language majors, Missouri Southern is bulking its up.

Next year students will have the option of majoring in French or German, in addition to Spanish.

"It's been the last couple of years we've been exploring the possibility," said Dr. Maryann Weber, associate professor of foreign languages. "It's been in just the last year the pieces have fallen into place."

Weber will spearhead the creation of a curriculum for French majors, and Dr. Sabine Cramer, assistant professor of foreign languages, will do the same for the German courses.

Students will not only be able to study the language, but the literature and culture of French- and German-speaking countries.

Richard Massa, communications department head, said the creation of the two majors goes beyond Southern's international mission.

"It's more than just the international mission," he said. "It is difficult to conceive a liberal arts college with a major only in Spanish and not French and German."

With the addition of another full-time foreign language instructor, who will teach both French and German, Weber said the task of implementing both majors would be easier.

"The new instructor is going to support the program," she said. "I think it's good if [students] get a variety of teachers."

Where the international mission does come into play, Massa said, was with funding.

"The international mission gives us the impetus because we maybe lacked funding in the past," he said. "We're completing a

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Cramer



Weber



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

Gary Wright, senior education major, helps third-grader Vanessa Sapp, 9, during a reading lesson at Diamond Elementary School. Wright is doing his student teaching there.

STUDENT SENATE

## DeGonia's 'smiley-face' campaign sweeps executive seats



FOR SENATOR Jennifer Drost (left) finishes her ballot as outgoing Student Senate president Sandy Fisk looks on Tuesday in BSC.

BY GINNY DUMOND  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Next year's Student Senate executive council was all smiles Tuesday after the votes were tallied and the "smiley-face" ticket was swept into power.

New officers were sworn in Wednesday night, marking the end of the 1997-98 Student Senate year and giving way to next semester's leadership.

Junior psychology major Jesse DeGonia was elected as the new Senate president Monday and Tuesday along with junior marketing major Jason Hogan as vice president, sophomore computer information science major Heather Vannaman as secretary, and junior economics and finance major Chad Brown as treasurer.

DeGonia, Hogan, and Brown ran together on what became known as the "smiley-face" campaign and actively campaigned on campus through several mediums. While campaigning at the polls was a subject of debate during last year's race, DeGonia sees

the effort as showing students he really wants the job.

"The margin that I won by I think definitely shows the effort of our campaigning," he said.

DeGonia beat his opponent, sophomore mathematics education major Christin Mathis, 264 to 142.

"They had an equal opportunity to do the exact same thing, they just didn't," he said. "Which shows me they shouldn't be the next Student Senate officers."

Mathis said she thinks the effort put out by her opponent was admirable and had a large impact on the results.

"I think Jesse and his group did an excellent job campaigning, and it says a lot that they're willing to put in the effort," she said.

Mathis, who is the student regent, says she will continue to work with the Student Senate and will be able to accomplish campus goals in that way as well.

Both candidates said they were disappointed in voter turnout.

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DEGONIA

264 Votes

Vice President



HOGAN

210 Votes

Secretary



VANNAMAN

355 Votes

Treasurer



BROWN

230 Votes

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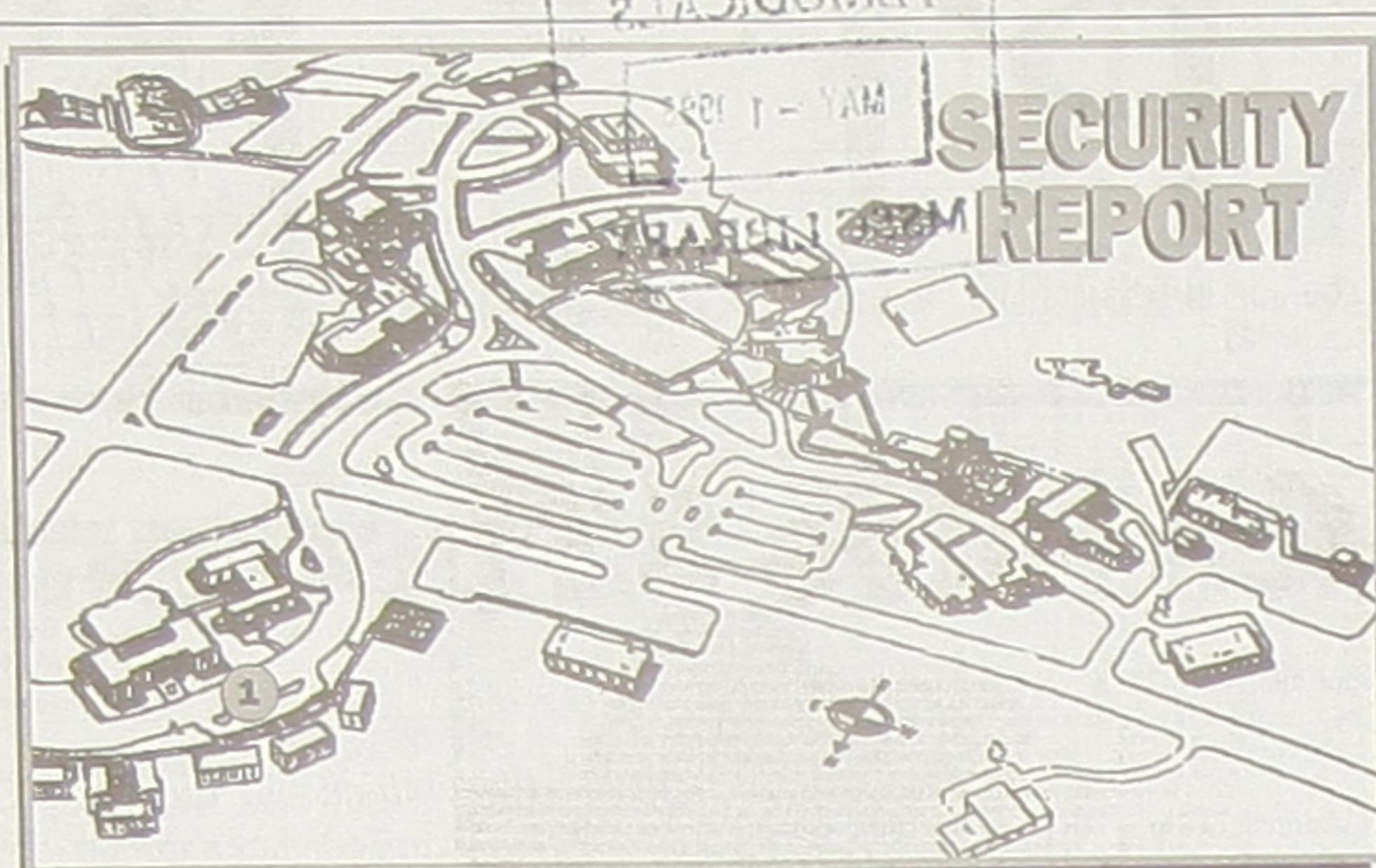
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A rash of theft and vandalism occurred in the parking lot near the campus residence halls. Erick Hawblitzel, junior computer information science major; Sara Jones, freshman undecided; and Rachael Norman, criminal justice, each reported damage to their vehicles on Thursday, April 23. There was no suspect as of press time.

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## Meacham leaves post

By MARILYN TAFT  
STAFF WRITER

Decorated Korean War veteran Larry B. Meacham, writer/photographer, has retired from Missouri Southern's public information office.

"I don't intend to sit on the porch and complain," Meacham said.

Full blast is the speed he likes to work at. Consequently, when he felt himself slowing down, he decided to retire. Meacham, 65, blames his triple bypass heart surgery last year for his slowdown.

"While in the Korean War I was a helicopter pilot with the Navy's amphibious forces," he said.

Meacham performed many duties, such as flying in to rescue downed pilots and other victims. After his discharge from the Navy, he entered Joplin Junior College (now Missouri Southern).

It was there that he met his

wife, Mary. They've been married for 33 years.

While at Joplin Junior College he performed in such plays as *Guys and Dolls* and *South Pacific*.

After his graduation from Pittsburg State University, he worked at various jobs but finally accepted a position at a Joplin television station in broadcast news.

He was there for 22 years, until 1986, when he accepted a position at Southern.

"I thoroughly enjoyed my work at the College," Meacham said.

The work was more even-paced, he said, and the people made the difference.

He found his co-workers at Southern cultured, intelligent, and sensitive.

Meacham calls Southern "the determined college."

"I realized it when I first went to the early [years] Board [of Regents] meetings," he recalled. "I could see their wisdom, which made imminent sense."

One of Meacham's favorite projects while working at Southern was the Veteran's Memorial. He helped arrange in 1987 more than 5,000 veterans made possible through donations. Some of the bricks for the memorial came from the old Joplin Junior College. He said it's the old and new coming together.

"I always admired [Gubera] because he could see something beyond the obvious," said Conrad Gubera, professor of sociology, who met Meacham when they were students together at Joplin Junior College. Gubera and Meacham were in a Young Democrats club.

Gubera and Meacham again united when they ended at Southern. Gubera was an instructor and Meacham was a student.

"I saw a level of writing sophistication in the school newsletter that will be missed by a number of people," Gubera said. □



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# THE CHART SECOND FRONT

## Russian group tours Southern campus

United States will expand our abilities to make more steps toward an open and free education in Russia," Vokogon added.

The group visited the Institute of International Studies, school of education, school of technology, and school of business administration. Some of them also visited Stapleton Elementary School, Joplin High School, and Franklin Technical Center.

"We are very surprised what we have seen so far," said Vladimir Bidziora, director of a mathematical and physical school in Noyabrsk. "We believe that our educational system has to change, because our economic system is changing. We want to put this experience into our schools and education."

"There are many differences between the Russian and American education systems, he said. In the United States, education is open to anyone and it is controlled by the government. In Russia the educational system is strict and controlled by the government's national standards and curriculum, Vokogon said.

The idea for the cultural and educational exchanges on a local level evolved from the Regional



MICHAEL RASKA/The Chart

Richard Massa, director of the Institute of International Studies, Tatiana V. Karmanova, assistant professor of communications, and Vladimir Noukine, director of business college, meet in the communications department conference room during a visit to the campus by a group of Russian educators and business representatives.

Investment Initiative signed by Vice President Al Gore and Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin, but is not a direct result of the agreement, said Michael Berry, president of American Industries.

"We are developing our program in the spirit of the agree-

ment," Berry said. "It is what we think the high-ranking officials see in the future of development between United States and Russia."

This is the second group of educators who visited the United States through American Industries, said Kathy Berry, vice

president of American Industries.

"In the future we plan to bring groups of government officials, athletes, and businessmen," she said.

"Also, we hope to send out students to different universities and schools to complement their education." □

### OUTSTANDING GRADUATE

## Southern names top senior

By DEBORAH SOLOMON  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

A quiet leader has earned Missouri Southern's highest student award as the Outstanding Graduate for 1998.

Neely Burkhart, a senior biology major from Joplin, was chosen based on her grade-point average, student achievement, activities, campus leadership, and community leadership.

Burkhart was a member of the volleyball team for four years, honors program, athletic training program, Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society, Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Honor Society, Epsilon Mu Sigma (National College Honors Program Honor Society), Alpha Chi National Honor Society, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes, in which she was a past president. She has also helped organize special programs for underprivileged children.

"This is such a great honor," she said. "It was completely unexpected and took me by surprise."

Burkhart, who has a 4.0 GPA, said staying busy helped her succeed in college.

"I find I

have a lot easier time when I'm really involved in things," she said. "I know I have to get everything done."

Burkhart said part of her success comes from head volleyball coach Debbie Traywick and head athletic trainer Marty Conklin.

"Southern has been very supportive of me," she said. "I was lucky to have a head volleyball coach and a head athletic trainer who were willing to work together to help me reach my goals."

Setting goals was also an important part of her college experience.

"I think that as an athlete she developed discipline," Traywick said. "She had [athletic and academic] goals set for herself, and she wanted to reach them in both areas."

Burkhart credits her parents for supporting her.

"My parents have always been supportive of anything I do, any decision I make," she said. "They don't push me to do things, but they are always there to give me a nudge when I need it."

"I think the best part of Neely began with her parents," Traywick said. "They were the best kind, as a coach, to have."

Burkhart plans to attend physical therapy school at Kansas University after graduation.

She will be honored at the Honors Convocation at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Taylor Auditorium. □

### Southern's Outstanding Graduates

1973 — Jeffrey Dymott; 1974 — Kreta Cable; 1975 — Kevin Herd; 1976 — Kerry Anders; 1977 — Janice Kiser; 1978 — James Moeskau; 1979 — Kathy Lay; 1980 — Cherrie Dickerman; 1981 — Shawn De Graff; 1982 — Shelia Peters; 1983 — Richard Alan Gibbons; 1984 — Beth Barlet; 1985 — Sara Beth Rice, Suzanne Gallagher, Todd Thelen; 1986 — Christie Amos; 1987 — John N. Harvill; 1988 — Theresa Honeyball; 1989 — Susan Paulson, Scott Fields; 1990 — Anna Miller; 1991 — Jacquelyn Johnson; 1992 — Brian Vowels, Mary Hanewinkel; 1993 — Brian Nichols; 1994 — Dorcia Earlene Meares, Roderick Duane Smith; 1995 — Brandon Rhinehart; 1996 — Stacy Schoen; 1997 — Amy Mayberry



Canada, Hawaii sit atop Dove's retirement plans  
librarian leaves after 29 years of service

KEVIN COLEMAN  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Hawaii and Canada are two places a Missouri Southern librarian intends to visit after her retirement June 30. Mary Lou Dove, serials/reference librarian, has been with the college since August 1969. "I'm going to travel," she said. "We have some trips planned. My husband died in 1993, so he's been waiting for me to retire. I'd like to go back to Hawaii, and I know we'll go back to Canada. We go there every year. My husband's mother owns a farm in Paradise Hill, Saskatchewan." The last time Dove went to Hawaii was five years ago when she visited there. We went over to the big island and went to the Kilauea volcano," she said. "We were about the last to get to see it before it started erupting again." Dove said the most important change she has seen in 29 years at Southern is the advances in technology at Spiva Library. "We have all these computers now," she said. "It makes research a lot easier." Having information available on the library's computer system has made her job easier, but at the same time it occasionally adds to her work load.

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KINESIOLOGY DEPARTMENT

## Athletic program grows during Oldham's tenure at College

BY NICK PARKER  
MANAGING EDITOR

When Dr. Max Oldham came to Missouri Southern as athletic director, his job overlooked five varsity sports. Now, he is part of a department housing 15 varsity programs.

When Oldham, associate professor of kinesiology, joined the Lion program in 1973, Robert Ellis Young Gymnasium was still relatively new and Fred G. Hughes Stadium was only a glint in then head football coach Jim Frazier's eye.

The addition of the stadium and the track were really big additions to the athletic department," Oldham said. "That definitely was a big change for us. We no longer had to pack up and go over to Junge [Stadium]. Also included are the additional sports and the pool, racquetball courts, and the office complex. And, of course, this new project will bring about even more changes."

Oldham, an athletic enthusiast since his days as a youth, taught and coached at Sterling College in Kansas before making the trek to Southern. At Sterling he was an assistant football coach and head basketball and track coach.

His interest in athletics brought him into the world of academia, but it was the opportunity to teach and be a part of the administration that

brought him to Southern.

He said he will continue to not only follow the green and gold, but also the growth of the College.

"My interest shifted a bit. I wanted to get into a college like Missouri Southern where there was more teaching. I've always tried to remember the students are the life-blood of any institution," he said. "You always try to do what is best for them."

"There are too many years invested to not continue to follow the College and the teams. Especially the new mission, the new technology on campus. Who knows where we're going next?"

After 25 years with Southern, including a stint as head of the

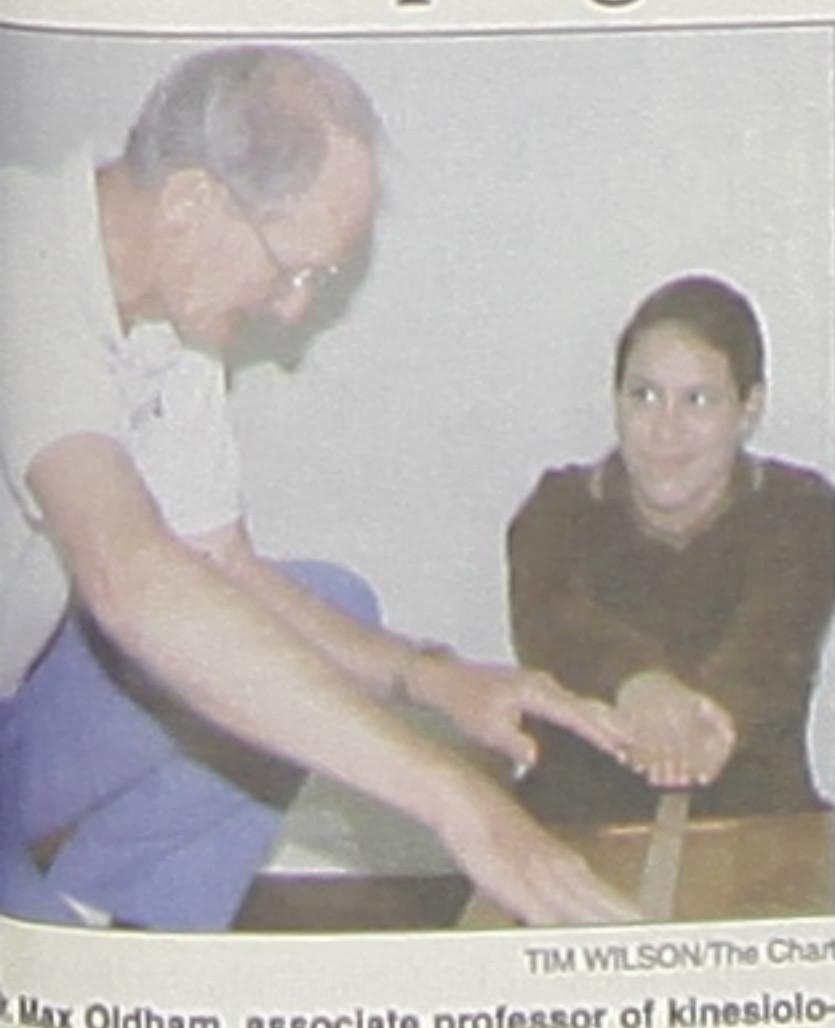
physical education department, Oldham said he lacked the enthusiasm he once had.

"I've been very fortunate to be at Missouri Southern; this place has been good to me," he said. "There comes a time when the intensity level drops and it is just probably best to leave while you feel like you still are in charge of your own faculties."

Oldham said he hopes he can adapt to life in retirement.

"My wife says I'll probably drive her crazy," he said.

"I haven't made any plans for the first year. It will be different, I've always had a job. I'll miss the routine. I'll just wait and see if I need the routine back." □



Max Oldham, associate professor of kinesiology, demonstrates a flexibility exercise to Katherine Klaus, criminal justice administration, Tuesday.

## SOUTHERN NEWS BRIEFS

### Activities board selects 1998-99 executives

The Campus Activities Board has selected new executive officers for the 1998-99 academic year.

The new executives are: Jason Foster, president; Desiree Petersen, vice president; Patti Richardson, secretary/public relations; Brett Doenig, dances; Adam Doss, lectures; Jeffrey Jamaleldine, movies; Petersen, novelty; Melodee Colbert, special events; and Andrea Emanuel, trips. New terms begin today. □

### Summer financial aid forms due by August 1

According to Linda Oldham Burns of the financial aid office, students need to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid before leaving for the summer.

Students may apply for financial aid using their 1997 taxes to fill out the FAFSA form.

The form may then be filed over the Internet or mailed. Burns said processed financial aid forms must be in the financial aid office by Aug. 1 in order for classes to be held for the fall. □

### Southern offers summer Internet marketing class

Internet commerce is expected to triple by the year 2000, some experts are predicting, and to help area businesses take advantage of cyber opportunities, Missouri Southern is offering a course on how to market on the World Wide Web.

The summer evening class taught by Dr. Brad Kleindl, assistant professor of business, will explore how telecommunications technologies are being used to market products and develop marketing strategies.

The Virtual Marketing course explores how a business' marketing practices need to change in this new competitive age. The course covers using the information highway, the World Wide Web, multimedia techniques for advertising, utilizing database marketing to target customers, and how to develop interactive communication. In addition, the course will give students hands-on experience with Web page creation software and Macromedia Director, a multimedia development platform.

The class will meet from 6:30 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, June 9 to July 30. The course may be taken for credit or it may be audited.

For more information, persons may contact Kleindl at (417) 625-3120 or kleindl-b@mail.mssc.edu. □

### Communications banquet honors stand-out students

Donnie Simon, junior communications major, was selected as the winner of the 1998-99 "Excellence in Communications" scholarship from the communications department.

Simon was chosen by 20 graduating seniors to be the recipient of the \$200 award. Simon expects to graduate in May 1999 with a bachelor of arts degree in communications. After graduation, he plans to attend law school and specialize in communication or media law.

Jennafer Stokes, the 1997-98 recipient of the "Excellence in Communications" scholarship, presented the award.

This year the scholarship was named in honor of Kevin Coleman, a graduating senior who has overcome great adversity. □

# PUBLIC FORUM

Friday, May 1, 1998

## EDITOR'S COLUMN

## Memories linger as end draws near

In just a few short weeks, I'll walk the halls of Missouri Southern for the last time as a student. While I've never been the kind of person to embrace change and seek adventure, my feelings are mostly positive about this change.

Certainly there are things I will miss — the half-mile trek from my car to the building in pouring rain, the midnight madness of *The Chart* office, the all-night coffee binges to produce a brilliant term paper by 8 a.m. Or maybe not.

No, what I'll miss are the people. I'll miss bumping into Pat Kluthe in the hall, always a day-brightening experience. I'll miss Art Saltzman's lectures, always riveting and unconventional, something you might expect from a cross between Albert Einstein and David Letterman.

I'll miss the smile of the tulip man who always reminds me of my father. I'll miss Gary popping into *The Chart* office to inquire about this week's big headline, leaning on his dust mop while he incidentally samples the pizza. I'll miss the gentle barbs that fly between Bud Morgan and Henry Harder, two seasoned professors who have survived by laughing. I'll miss Elliott Denniston's kind eyes and hideous ties.

I'll miss Allen Merriam's perennial kindness and Maryann Weber's unfailing encouragement. I'll even miss Mr. Massa's military stroll up and down the length of Webster third floor. I'll miss Doris Walters' laugh and Charline Lewis' "look" that reduces the English faculty to putty. I'll miss Steve Spector's hallway dance instructions and general quirkiness.

Perhaps most of all, I'll miss my fellow Charters, that odd assortment of students who have earned my respect and admiration in spite of smelly feet and assume editorials. Jake, Nick, Tammy, Gimmy, Kevin, Aaron, KiKi, Jeff, and Chad, thanks for the memories.

I value every friendship I have made in these last five years. In fact, the best part of my education has come from associations with a wide variety of people.

Being exposed to different perspectives has changed my thinking in some areas.

Sometimes it's just a matter of degree; an issue that seemed black and white becomes a shade of gray. As a result, I'm more open to information and more likely to think through the issue carefully before I act on it.

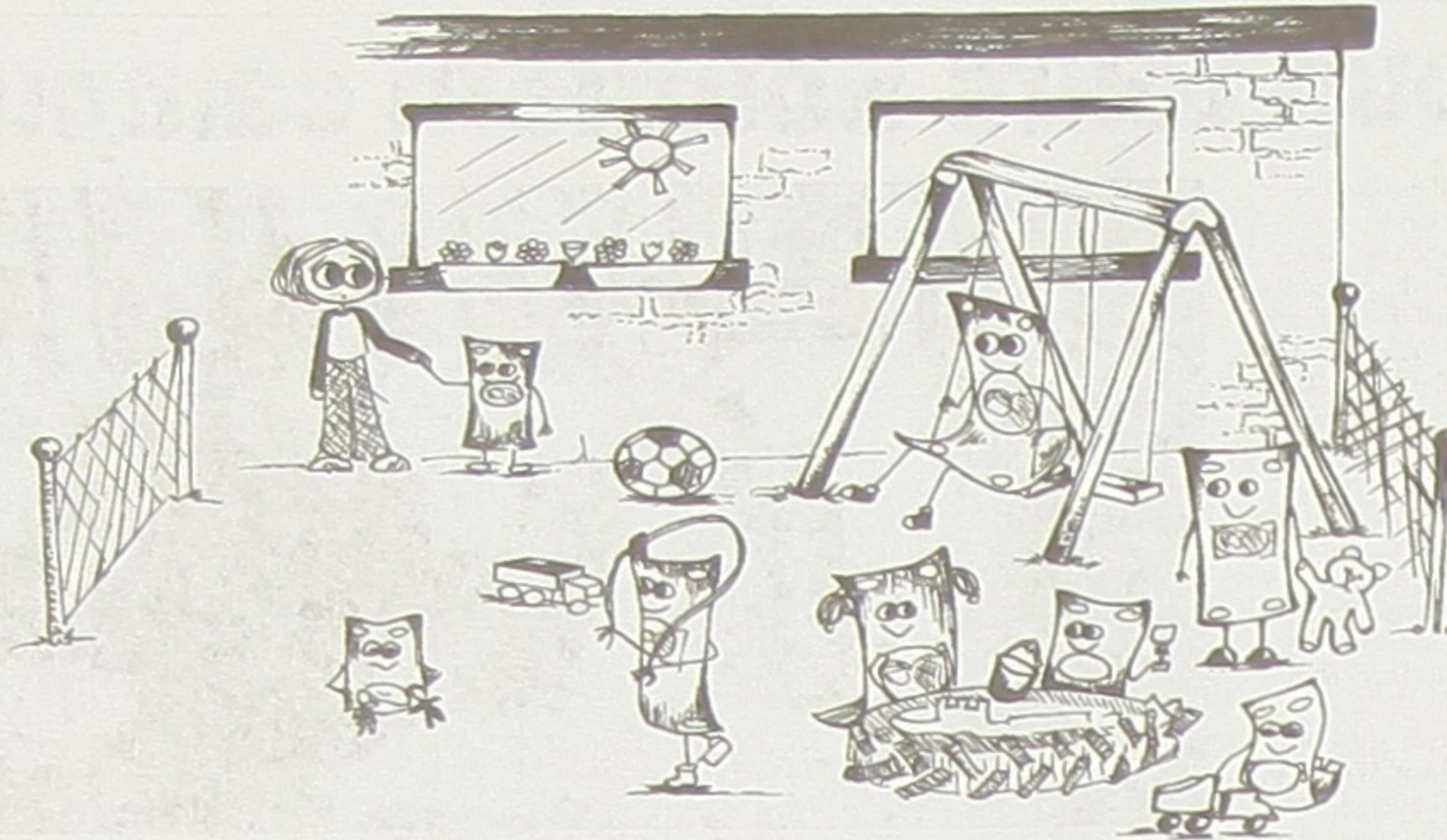
Sometimes, however, knowing opposing viewpoints has fortified my stance on an issue. Not only have my convictions remained the same, they are even stronger for knowing the argument against them.

In either case, understanding the views of others has helped me clarify my own.

I intend to share my high opinion of Missouri Southern with anyone who'll listen. But before I go, I'd like to offer one little suggestion for improvement.

With its new international mission, the College is forging alliances with universities all over the world while many departments on campus continue to function in isolation from each other. What a sad irony. I believe students could be better served with a little creative cooperation between departments.

In many ways I'm not the same person who wandered onto campus five years ago. If being educated means knowing how much you still don't know, I'm well on my way. □



## OUR EDITORIAL

Unsigned editorials on this page express the opinions of a majority of *The Chart* editors. Observations elsewhere on the page represent independent viewpoints of columnists, cartoonists, and readers.

## The cost of raising a buck

We all dig in our pockets looking for any clang of metal that would remotely help pay for two dollars of gas to get us home.

We have all debated which bill is most important to pay first, either the telephone or the water.

We all face tough times as college students, and many of the faculty and staff face some of the same financial crunches. Throw a child into the mix, and the cost of living inevitably rises.

Missouri Southern's Child Development Center recently increased its daily rate for occupying a child's time by 32 percent.

The CDC went from charging \$11 to \$14.50, translating to an extra \$70 a month for child care.

Southern is benefiting greatly from the CDC. Students who are studying education or going into child care get hands on experience and firsthand knowledge.

Besides, if the College is losing money at this venture, then it obviously needs to explore funding from the state as it is an obvious educational facility.

Why should the state pour millions of dollars into other professional programs on campus and not be expected to do the same for the CDC? The government has begun allotting dollars for student families, but when these families find their

service rates have increased it does nobody any good.

Families are encouraged by the government through tax deductions and breaks, but they see no breaks when nobody clears the road ahead of them to make their journey through life easier.

As the economy booms, more people are finding the time to begin or return to college after years of debating the necessity. The College was kind enough to establish a day care for students, faculty, and staff, but its intent to keep pace fiscally with other local day cares is shameful.

The main reason why many Southern students, faculty, and staff put their children in the CDC is because of accessibility. Dropping the youngsters off at school is easier than crossing town and leaving them elsewhere.

How many will continue to utilize Southern's day care if they keep hiking the prices? Southern just may be putting the CDC out of business with their own greed.

Other options should have been explored before hiking the price of raising children as a college student, college instructor, or college employee.

Soon those who use the CDC won't be asking themselves whether water or a phone is more important, instead the question will be in determining if child care or a college education is. □

## Where's your sticker?

Two things came out of this year's Student Senate elections that didn't come as a shock to anyone who bothered to take part or keep track.

The most obvious is that just short of 8 percent of the possible student voters turned up at the polls.

Second is the silly smiley-face candidates swept their prospective offices.

Not that Jesse DeGonia and his posse of happy-go-lucky underlings don't stand for anything, but it is apparent that popularity won this election and not issues.

This notion is compounded by the fact that one student's response to the idea of voting for the other presidential nominee, Christin Mathis, was, "Where's your sticker?" This being an allusion to the smiley-face stickers plastered on just about everything that stood still long enough to be adorned by DeGonia's ticket.

## YOUR LETTERS

*The Chart* welcomes letters from readers. Letters must be signed and include a phone number for verification. Letters should be 300 words or fewer. Submit letters to *The Chart* office on the third floor of Webster Hall, fax them to (417) 625-9742, or send via e-mail. Our e-mail address: [Chart@mail.mssc.edu](mailto:Chart@mail.mssc.edu). Letters are due by noon Monday for publication in that week's edition.

## Marlowe makes call for future activities

Thank you to the over 500 who participated in, supported, and attended the first annual Campus Appreciation Week activities April 19-24. Next year's focus will be landscaping around our campus buildings, especially the new Criminal Justice Building. The campus contest will feature essays, poems, photography, and computer enhancements.

The acoustical guitar performance by

Justin Sifford and Danny Craven was noteworthy. We should invite these men and others who have bands to consider playing on the campus oval on weekdays between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Concerts and dances should be held weekly in the evenings, perhaps at the Biology Pond.

Any interested volunteer groups, please contact Val Carlisle, student activities director, at Ext. 9320 or Jason Foster,

Desiree Petersen, Patti Richardson, Brett Doennig, Adam Doss, Jeffrey Jamaleldine, Melodee Colbert, Andrea Emanuel, all executive committee members of CAB. Let's program events now, in the summer, and for the fall semester so we can share our talents and build LION PRIDE!

Dr. Ann Marlowe  
Professor of English

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## EDITOR'S COLUMN

## Like they say, the fifth time is the charm

This is the fifth time I've started over on writing this column. Let's hope it works this time. This is supposed to be my farewells column, but, for some reason, I'm having a hard time coming up with the right words to write what it is I want to say.

At the end of July, I'm supposed to receive a bachelor's degree in communications, and here I sit at my computer keyboard trying to find a way to say, "Hey, it's been great knowing all of you, but...."

I prefer to say, "I'll see you later." "Good-bye" seems so final, and I can't think of anyone here whom I wouldn't like to see again.

It has been a hectic five years, but I can't say I regret going to school.

I've learned a lot and made quite a few friends on this campus.

I don't know what it is about this campus, but everyone I've come across while I've been here has always been extremely friendly and helpful.

So, I would like to say thank you to everyone for being so good to me for helping me get through the rigors of college.

Both my student peers and faculty have been more than supportive during the process of earning my degree, and I wish there was more that I could do to show you all my appreciation.

This column really isn't long enough to name each and every one of the people who have endeared themselves to me, but I would like to mention a few of my instructors: Dr. Stebbins, probably one of the biggest boosts I got was when he handed back my first Newswriting assignment with the written comment, "You really can write." Mr. Massa, for his impressive standards — I hope I live up to my personal standards as well as he does to his; Dr. Kumbard, for helping me round out my skills; Melissa Lee, for her assistance in soliciting the College for the Headmaster nomination; and every other member of the faculty and staff whom I have become acquainted with on this campus.

Some of the students I would like to mention at this time, to give special thanks to, include: Tonia, Terese, Angela, Natasha, Jennifer, Michelle, Dawn, Mike, Sarah, Krista, Charles, David, Sharon, Amy, Annie, Karen, Becky, Neely, Steve, Dan, Shana, Renae, Marilyn, Monica, and everyone else who has ever helped me obtain notes, opening a door, reading a book, taking a test, or just being a friend.

Thank you. I sincerely appreciate each and every thing you have done for me.

Then, of course, I should mention some of *The Chart* staff, so to speak. Genie, Jake, Rick, Mike, Brian, Amy, KiKi, Tammy, Ryan, and Karen, rest, thanks for everything.

I also want to thank my vocational rehabilitation counselor, Ray D., for providing much of the funding equipment that enabled me to attend college in the first place.

All these people, and many others — family, friends, and my permanent residents — are largely responsible for my success at Southern, and I hope I can prove myself worthy of their love and support in my life after graduation. Thank you. □

# Music department offers varied styles

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music curricu-

LYN HIGGINS

WRITER

Missouri Southern's music students have many performing ensembles to choose from.

Students can choose concert band, Southern Exposure, chamber choir, marching band, pep band, orchestra, jazz band, pep band. No restrictions as to how many a student can be involved in, but some have requirements.

"Every ensemble is here for a reason," said Pete Havely, head of the department of music and director of bands.

The concert chorale consists of approximately 85 members with a ratio of music majors to non-majors. The concert chorale performs in three concerts and "Handel's Messiah" each year. It has recently performed the opera "Anna Bolena."

Students in the concert chorale audition for a spot in Southern Exposure," said Bud Clark, director of choral activities.

Southern Exposure is a group of about 12 students who dance to pop and rock music they sing.

Students have to be in the concert chorale to be in Southern Exposure, and there's a little more involved in this group," Clark said.

The concert chorale, which performs for community and civic groups, even entertained former President Bush in September.

CULTURE FEATURE

Students involved in the concert chorale can audition for the chamber choir, a select group of 28 singers. Activities include a tour in the fall, three concerts, and the Madrigal Dinner. Most music is a cappella, and is performed for schools, churches, and other organizations.

"I like it (the variety offered)," said Kendra Smith, senior music education major involved in the concert chorale, Southern Exposure, and chamber choir, "because of the variety of styles offered. We have the opportunity to experience everything."

The Lion Pride Marching Band, under the direction of Robert Meeks, assistant professor of music, meets in the fall with approximately 110 members. It performs at five home football games, three high school exhibitions, three parades, and is featured at high school marching competitions.

The concert band, with about 80 members, meets in the spring under the direction of Havely. Activities include three concerts and a two-day tour.

Students and members of the community have the opportunity to play in the orchestra for two concerts under the direction of William Elliott, professor of music. Orchestra membership is by audition only and is a volunteer-based program.

Students in the marching band and concert band can audition for the jazz band.

The jazz band, under the direction of Meeks, performs many various community and school concerts.

The jazz band normally consists of five trumpets, four trombones, five saxophones, and a rhythm section.



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

Mike Weston, freshman music major, warms up on the timpani before Wednesday night's band performance in Taylor Performing Arts Center. The Pep Band recently toured the four state giving various performances.

tion of a piano, bass, drums, and guitar," Havely said.

In the fall, members of the marching band can audition for the basketball pep band. The pep band consists of 21 members and is under the supervision of Dr. Phillip Wise, assistant professor of music, and the direction of the drum major of the marching band.

"It is more of a student-run organization," Wise said. "We go into pep band with the philosophy of 'support the team,' and that's our main goal. We always get a lot of positive response from the crowd."

The number of performances varies from year to year depending on the number of home basketball games.

In the music department, students can be involved in many different activities, but most believe they are all essential to the program.

"I think our department has done a wonderful job covering all our bases," said Ray St. Ledger, senior music education major. "We have a wide variety of students with different tastes."

## HIGHER EDUCATION BRIEFS

### SMSU-West Plains names new chancellor

Fred Marty has been named chancellor for the West Plains campus of Southwest Missouri State University by the SMSU Board of Governors.

Marty has served as vice president for administrative services on the Springfield campus since 1993. He will begin his new duties as chancellor on July 1 at a salary of \$95,000 per year.

Marty replaces Dr. M.O. Looney, who is retiring after a 49-year career as an educator, including the last eight as chancellor at SMSU-West Plains.

"Fred Marty has extremely strong credentials and will do an excellent job as chancellor," SMSU President John Keiser said. "Under his leadership, I believe the West Plains campus will become an even more integral part of the SMSU system."

Founded in 1963, SMSU-West Plains is an open admissions two-year institution with an enrollment of approximately 1,300. It received separate accreditation from the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools in 1994.

Marty came to SMSU after a distinguished 30-year career in the United States Army. He retired June 30, 1993, as a major general.

### Central Missouri books George Brett for opening

Plans for Saturday's formal dedication of Central Missouri State University's baseball facility, James R. Crane Stadium at Robert N. Tompkins Field, include an appearance by former Kansas City Royals' great George Brett.

To begin the day's activities, former Royals and St. Louis Cardinals manager Whitey Herzog will be the guest speaker at a 9 a.m. brunch in the University Union.

Following the brunch, the dedication ceremony is scheduled for 11 a.m. at the baseball facility.

Brett and former Royals Paul Splittorff, Al Fitzmorris, and Ed Hearn will be present for the brunch and dedication, as well as an autograph session at the stadium following the dedication ceremony.

### Nixon to present address at Southeast Mo. State

Missouri Attorney General Jay Nixon will present the spring commencement address May 16 at Southeast Missouri State University.

Nixon was first elected attorney general in November 1992 on a platform of fighting crime, cleaning up government corruption, protecting consumers, and enforcing Missouri's environmental laws. He currently is serving his second term as the state's chief law enforcement official.

Southeast will present 831 undergraduate degrees and 72 graduate degrees at the 2 p.m. commencement exercises. An honors convocation is scheduled for 11 a.m.

### MWSC phon-a-thon raises more than goal

Missouri Western State College has exceeded its goal of \$145,000 and raised \$149,202 during its annual alumni phon-a-thon.

Student callers contacted Missouri Western and St. Joseph Junior College alumni in March and April to raise money for student scholarships.

Even though Missouri Western boasts one of the lowest tuition rates in the state, more than 70 percent of its students receive financial aid.



Broadway experience helped prepare Dr. Henry Jones, assistant professor of music, for his teaching role in the music department.

CREDIT REQUIREMENTS

## Majors show degree of professionalism

### Senior recitals include 12 major memorized works

with at least 12 major memorized works.

"The students must be able to show us a certain level of professionalism," Havely said.

Voice and music majors are also required to attend various concerts and help at the District Music Festival by handling students' music and helping them in any way they can.

As if finals were not intimidating enough, music majors' finals are called "juries." This final exam at the end of the semester involves playing for a group of faculty members.

"If the criteria is not met, then the student will not be able to graduate, no matter what

their previous grade," Havely said.

Music majors Cory Gasparich and Brandon Atwell both agree that finals are time consuming and difficult.

Some of the criteria include harmonizing a melody, sight reading a hymn, performing a solo, and transposing a piece, which means changing the key of a song.

"In addition to my other classes and my job, I have 12 songs to memorize," Atwell said. "The memorization part requires at least two hours a day, so there is not much time left for other classes."

"Preparing for the recital involves more than just the music aspect," Gasparich said. "Students are required to prepare a program for their works they are playing and help set up the recital."

*The memorization part requires at least two hours a day, so there is not much time left for other classes.*

**Brandon Atwell**  
Music major

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LEARNING CENTER

# Godsey reaps rewards, happiness in job

By ERIC GRUBER  
STAFF WRITER

If one is feeling a little confused from his last homework assignment, the Learning Center staff is there to give a little direction.

Dr. Eileen Godsey, director of the Learning Center, is not only happy with her job, but also finds rewards in what she does.

"It's a great opportunity to work with students and to help them with that extra bit of help that they need that they don't normally get," she said. "I like it very much."

Godsey, who grew up in New Mexico, received her bachelor's and master's in counseling from East Texas State University and her doctorate at Oklahoma State University. Upon receiving her master's, she moved to Neosho and began working at Crowder College. She came to Southern in 1984 after six years of employment with Crowder.

"I administer for the Learning Center," she said. "That entails tutoring, the computer lab, and making sure that people get tutored."

She also teaches the Career Life Planning class for freshmen entering their first semester. This course is designed to help students explore careers and evaluate their options for career choices.

The Learning Center, located in the Mansion, has three other faculty: James

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Dr. Eileen Godsey  
Director of the Learning  
Center

Brown, Jan Holmes, and Melissa Locher. Godsey said the Learning Center has received many reports from students who view it as an asset to the campus. She believes this is what makes her job rewarding.

"I think it's the student who comes back and says 'I really couldn't have made it without the Learning Center,'" she said.

Dana Hernandez, sophomore undecided major, said the Learning Center is a definite benefit.

"I've learned more from this class than I ever did sitting through class," she said. "I'm in one of those televised classes, and



Dr. Eileen Godsey spends time tutoring Suzan Morang, a senior environmental health major, in subjects where she needs help. It is one of Godsey's duties as director of the Learning Center.

you've got a good handle on it."

Godsey is not only pleased with the help and the facility, but also the support from the faculty. There is one thing she would like to change about the center. She would like for more students to know about free help waiting for them.

"I would like to see the number of students who use the Learning Center increase," Godsey said. □

CONTINUING EDUCATION

## Graduation tapes honor senior exodus

### Commencement mementos available

By JEFF BILLINGTON  
ASSISTANT EDITOR

The exodus of Missouri Southern students via this spring's commencement ceremony will be available as a videotaped memento this year.

Dr. Jerry Williams, director of continuing education, said this will be the first year any advertising has been done to promote these video tapes.

"We started it last year," he said. "We probably had about 10, 12 people who requested it. We had established a pricing system on it, but we really didn't let very many people know."

Williams believes there are several reasons why this is a good idea.

"The nice thing about it is that then someone doesn't have to worry about shouldering a camera or doing that sort of thing," he said. "Plus, I've known a few instances where we've had people call who were going to videotape the graduation themselves but their battery was down or something so it didn't turn out."

Williams said the different techniques used in making these videos also make it a valuable keepsake.

"We've probably got a lot better camera angles for picking up the graduation ceremony," he said. "It's a split-camera technique."

Williams said tapes of the ceremonies were available in the past, but the practice had been discontinued.

"I think a long time ago people could get them on a call-in basis, primarily like the libraries and things like that, then it sort of got dropped by the wayside," he said.

Williams said the practice has been reinstated for practical reasons.

*"The nice thing about it is that then someone doesn't have to worry about shouldering a camera..."*

Dr. Jerry Williams  
Director of  
Continuing Education

"Since we do the filming anyway, because we make copies for the library and the archives, we decided to just go ahead and make multiple copies," he said.

Williams said purchasing a tape is not the only way a graduate can obtain a copy of the commencement ceremony.

"It is shown over MSTV, so a person doesn't necessarily have to buy a tape here," Williams said. "They could copy it off the television set when the graduation ceremony is shown."

We don't want to discourage that at all."

"We're going to put it on the air two Sundays afterwards," said Judy Stiles, general manager of KGCS. "Some people just want to watch it. It will air on our station KGCS, which is broadcast on channel 57 and Joplin cable channel 7."

She said it will show on Sunday, May 24 and Sunday, May 31.

Williams said the tapes will cost \$14 and must be paid for in advance.

Persons interested in purchasing a tape of the graduation ceremony may call 625-9384. □

### YOU SPIN ME RIGHT ROUND BABY



Ceason Nance, sophomore undecided major, goes for a spin on the Gyro Tuesday. The Gyro, gladiators, joust, and bungee run were the activities CAB brought to campus Tuesday for Spring Fling week.

INFORMATION SERVICES

## Technicians keep systems afloat

By MARILYN TAFT  
STAFF WRITER

Student technicians do more than just get credit for work done; they keep the backlog of computer service problems to a minimum.

"Without them we would really have a service problem," said Steve Earney, assistant vice president for information services.

In the past three years Missouri Southern has increased from 200 to 900 computers. Like any piece of equipment, Earney said computers need fixing and servicing. However, at \$5 per hour, student technicians were hard to find and keep because they could make \$10 working in the community. Consequently, the backlog of computer problems mounted.

In order to remedy the situation, starting pay for student technicians went up to \$8 per hour. Computer services now has five technicians.

"The technicians work somewhat independently," Earney said.

When they arrive for work, technicians check the job queue. They look for jobs that are priority or jobs they can finish before their next class. Earney said student technicians know how to install software, ana-

lyze problems, deduce what a problem is, and solve it.

"They do an excellent job for us," said Jeff Pooley, computer center service coordinator.

The technicians, Pooley said, free the staff's time to work on specialized projects such as teleconference.

Mark Valentine, senior computer information systems major, is a student technician.

"I was a computer enthusiast and did a lot of lance work for friends," he said.

Before his job as a student technician, Valentine worked as a waiter, making more money than he did as a technician. However, he thought the student technician would benefit him more on his résumé. Upon graduation from Southern, Valentine will go to work as a computer programmer.

"Most of us [student technicians] have a specific job," he said. "For me it's the Windows 95 operating system."

Once in a while, he admits to having a problem he can't solve. But the nice thing about working for Valentine, Valentine added, is the student technician staff pull their minds together and work to get it done. □

## CAMPUS CALENDAR

If your organization has an event you would like publicized, call Jeff Billington at 625-9311.

### Today

**1**

10:45 a.m.—  
Spring Fling all-campus picnic, front campus

### Saturday

**2**

1 p.m.—  
Young Author's Conference, 3rd floor, BSC

### Sunday

**3**

1:30 p.m.—Alpha Chi induction, 3rd floor, BSC  
2:30 p.m.—Musa Nova, jazz concert, Webster Hall Auditorium

### Monday

**4**

5 p.m.—Omicron Delta Kappa, Pizza by Stout

### Tuesday

**5**

8:30 a.m.—Medical Office Assistant Test, BSC, Room 313  
9 a.m.—Morning Mass, BSC, Room 306  
Noon—College Republicans, BSC, Room 311  
•LDSSA meeting, BSC, Room 310

### Wednesday

**6**

9 p.m.—Wesley Foundation Midweek Worship

### Thursday

**7**

11 a.m.—Koinonia Lunch,ment of Stegge Hall  
12:20 p.m.—Model UN, Webb Hall, Room 223  
•NBS, MSTV Studio  
6:30 p.m.—FCA meeting, BSC, 2nd floor lounge  
7:30 p.m.—Philosophy Club, 2nd floor lounge  
•Choir Concert, Taylor Auditorium

## CAB

Campus Activities Board

■ Spring Fling Toga Dance, featuring refreshments and \$50 prizes for the best and most creative togas, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. on the oval. Rainy conditions will move the dance inside BSC.

# Hungarian pianist seizes top prize

SIPC concludes  
naming Kovacs,  
Bracchi winners

KIKI COFFMAN  
STAFF EDITOR

Two years of work ended and another two began as the Missouri Southern International Piano Competition drew to a close after the gala winners' concert Saturday night.

Ivan Leon, director of the competition, announced the winners of the senior division at 3:15 p.m. Saturday inside Taylor Auditorium, and for the first time all week, the contestants could relax.

The winners were: Krisztina Kovacs, first place; Daria Bracchi, second place; and Anton Mordastov, third place. In addition to the place-holders, there were two finalists: Vakhtang Kodanashvili and Naoko Takao.

Daniela Bracchi, a 16-year-old from New York, won the junior division competition.

After the announcement, the top three holder and first finalist alike recited the creed, "anything can happen."

Competitions can be draining,

empowering, and usually unpredictable. The complexity and diversity in each performance in every competition is something of a roulette wheel to contestants striving for the grand prize.

"Performances are difficult to judge, because they are always different," Kodanashvili said. "There are different judges, different tastes. You never can tell about the outcome. Anything can happen."

Mordastov agreed with Kodanashvili, noting the fickleness of judges. He said a pianist should not concentrate on the contest, but on the music.

"I don't think about where I will place," Mordastov said. "I just go on stage and play a concert."

"Everything depends on the preference of the judges. You can never know how they will respond."

Kovacs, the grand prize winner, said, "In a competition, if it is very hard, you never know what will happen with luck and with what the jury is listening to — what their tastes are, what they want to hear."

"I believe in fate," she said. "You never know what will happen."

Not all of the pianists enjoy the competitions, but they do appreciate them for the doors they open.



TIM WILSON/The Chariot

Krisztina Kovacs (left) from Hungary won the senior division and Daniela Bracchi (right) from New York won the junior division in the 1998 Missouri Southern International Piano Competition that concluded Saturday.

"I don't like competitions because it is like some kind of sport, you know, it is very far from music and real art," Mordastov said. "But we have to [compete] in order to earn some money and to receive some engagements to play."

For Kovacs, the MSIPC opened

the door to an Oct. 20 performance at Carnegie Hall in New York.

"I am so happy," she said. "I have never played at the Carnegie Hall and I am so happy that I will. I didn't think that I would win the first prize, but I had hoped to."

Kovacs spoke again about her

belief in some kind of destiny.

"You never know what will happen in the future," she said. "You never know who may be sitting in the audience, who can hear you, who can help you, who may want to be your manager, anything. It is endless in possibilities." □

## POND JAM



TIM WILSON/The Chariot

Danny Craven, Justin Sifford, and Justin Ernest play some tunes while Lori Rains keeps the beat. The performance by the pond was part of campus appreciation activities last week.

## COMMENTARY

### Stebbins captures mood of era

In a world long gone, where cowboys were considered a modern profession, there existed a country editor whose name became synonymous with the town he covered.

He has been brought back to life in a new book



J.L. Griffin  
**Editor-in-Chief**

Arthur Aull, publisher of the *Lamar Democrat* from 1900 to 1948, will be forever remembered as one of the nation's nastiest country editors, thanks to Stebbins' *All the News is Fit to Print: Profile of a Country Editor*.

For those of us fortunate enough ever to visit the sleepy little burg of Lamar, reading about Aull's exploits might leave many feeling they visited the wrong town.

long before Jerry Springer ever thought of cheating exes on his tabloid talk show,

Aull was printing the unsavory escapades of Lamar locals in fine and sometimes X-rated detail.

From divorces to buggy accidents, Aull printed the whole story — or at least the story that was told to him. He made no secret of fictionalizing

some stories just to fill space, but he also wrote with wild abandon about court proceedings that would turn Johnny Cochran red with embarrassment.

Stebbins' approach to his subject is done the way Aull himself would have done it, through hearsay and legend. However, Stebbins also had the archives of the *Lamar Democrat* at his disposal.

Instead of trying to paint his own picture of the legendary editor, Stebbins dug through five decades of Aull's copy to let the deceased man come back to life in the pages of his book. With selected portions of the editor's copy reprinted in the book, Aull seemingly tells his own story. Which wasn't a hard task since the man seemed to be able to fit himself into his copy whenever possible.

Stebbins' book illustrates the difference in approach to news an editor like Aull took, as opposed to the current newspaper ethics. He would use adjectives like buxom and voluptuous to describe victimized women and others like surly and unattractive for divorce hearings.

Nothing was sacred to Aull. If he heard about it, it would likely appear in the pages of his newspaper.

*All the News is Fit to Print* goes beyond the interest of a bygone time in the print media. It encapsulates the history of a tiny southwest Missouri town and the mood of an era, and the man who made it what it was. □

## SPIVA ART GALLERY ON CAMPUS

May 3 and May 10 — Senior art exhibit opening receptions, 2-5 p.m. Exhibits also open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Joplin

### THE BYPASS

624-9095

May 1 — Oreo Blue  
May 15 — SkyBopFly  
May 16 — Live Comedy  
May 22 — Smokin' Joe Kubeck  
May 30 — Howard Morgan, hypnotist

### JOPLIN LITTLE THEATRE

May 1-2 — "Love Letters," featuring Nadine Schmidt and Shawn D. Irish

## CHAMPS

782-4944

May 1-2 — Prodigal Sons  
May 4 — Mike and The Tomados

May 8 — First Impressions  
May 9 — Raisin' Kane  
May 15 — The Websters

### STONE'S THROW COMMUNITY THEATRE

May 7-9 and 14-17 — "Cahoots," directed by Henry Heckert

June 19 — Michael Bolton with Wynonna  
June 20 — Chicago  
June 27 — James Taylor

## Kansas City

### THE BEAUMONT

May 6 — Ska Against Racism

KEMPER ARENA

June 6 — Robert Plant and Jimmy Page

### SANDSTONE AMPHITHEATRE

June 19 — Michael Bolton with Wynonna  
June 20 — Chicago  
June 27 — James Taylor

## St. Louis

### KIEL CENTER

June 7 — Robert Plant and Jimmy Page

### RIVERPORT AMPHITHEATRE

May 31 — Dave Matthews Band

June 26 — James Taylor  
July 2 — Pearl Jam  
July 28 — Metallica  
Aug. 16 — LeAnn Rimes and Bryan White



■ Musa Nova, a 6-piece jazz ensemble, will perform at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, in Webster Auditorium. Tickets are \$12.50 at the door, but MSSC students will be admitted free with student ID.

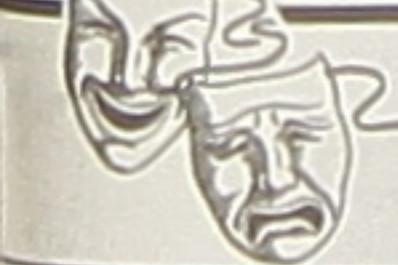
## On Campus

TAYLOR AUDITORIUM  
May 4 — MSSC Concert/Community Orchestra, 7:30 p.m.  
May 7 — MSSC Concert Chorale, 7:30 p.m.

MONNEY HALL  
May 14 — MSSC Choral Society Concert, 7:30 p.m.

WEBSTER AUDITORIUM  
May 3 — Musa Nova Jazz concert, 2:30 p.m. Free to MSSC students with ID.  
May 9 — Missouri Southern Suzuki Violin Academy Spring Recitals, 1 p.m.

# COMING ATTRACTIONS



# FRESHMAN SHINES IN SOUTHERN THEATRE

By CASSIE HOMBS  
CHART REPORTER

If you're one of the thousands of people who flock to Southern Theatre every year, chances are you've seen him.

Joey Roesel, although new to Missouri Southern, has been in the spotlight more than most people could dream.

"I'm not very shy," says Roesel, a freshman theatre major. "I'm a pretty outgoing person."

At just 20, Roesel has entertained audiences all over the four-state area and beyond. His résumé includes a variety of performances such as *Crazy For You*, *Hello Dolly*, and most recently, *Guys and Dolls*, where he played

Nathan Detroit, a rambling, gambling, street-wise crap-shooter from New York.

"Theatre is definitely the most important thing to me, if I had to choose," Roesel says. "I really prefer musical theatre more than anything else. I know a lot of people are like, 'Musical theatre? People are doing this real-life stuff and then all of a sudden they bust out into song and dance. What is that?' But it's kind of fun, the way the music can move you and can reach out to the audience."

Though as a native of Joplin Roesel has roots here, it may be just a matter of time before he leaves. He is scheduled to audition for a part as an orphan in an upcoming movie titled *Arkansas*.

The movie reportedly will be directed by Billy Bob Thornton and star Brad Pitt.

"I've been semi-guaranteed a background role," Roesel said. "So I'm auditioning for a part with lines."

If he gets a part, Roesel will have to postpone school while the movie shoots. However, he does have plans to come back afterward.

"School really is important to me," Roesel said. "I really want to go on to get a doctorate in theatre. If you have a degree, it's really something that people look at and admire."

Though Roesel has certainly had his share of good characters, there have been a few that he

would rethink before taking again.

"The gardener in *The Secret Garden* — he was this 67-year-old man. They put a ton of makeup on me. It was horrible," said Roesel with a laugh.

"I'd have to say Barnabie in *Hello Dolly* was my favorite character to play," he said. "His part was so humorous. He was like this little lost puppy who followed the lead character around the whole play. I really liked the comic relief he provided."

When he's not busy with theatre projects, Roesel spends time practicing tap dancing. He also likes to compose his own piano music.

"I took piano lessons for a while, but that didn't last long," he said.

"I kept adding and taking away from the music. I guess I'm a non-conformist."

"Last year I was invited to play my stuff at the Northpark Mall," he said. "It was really cool, people throwing pennies at me and stuff."

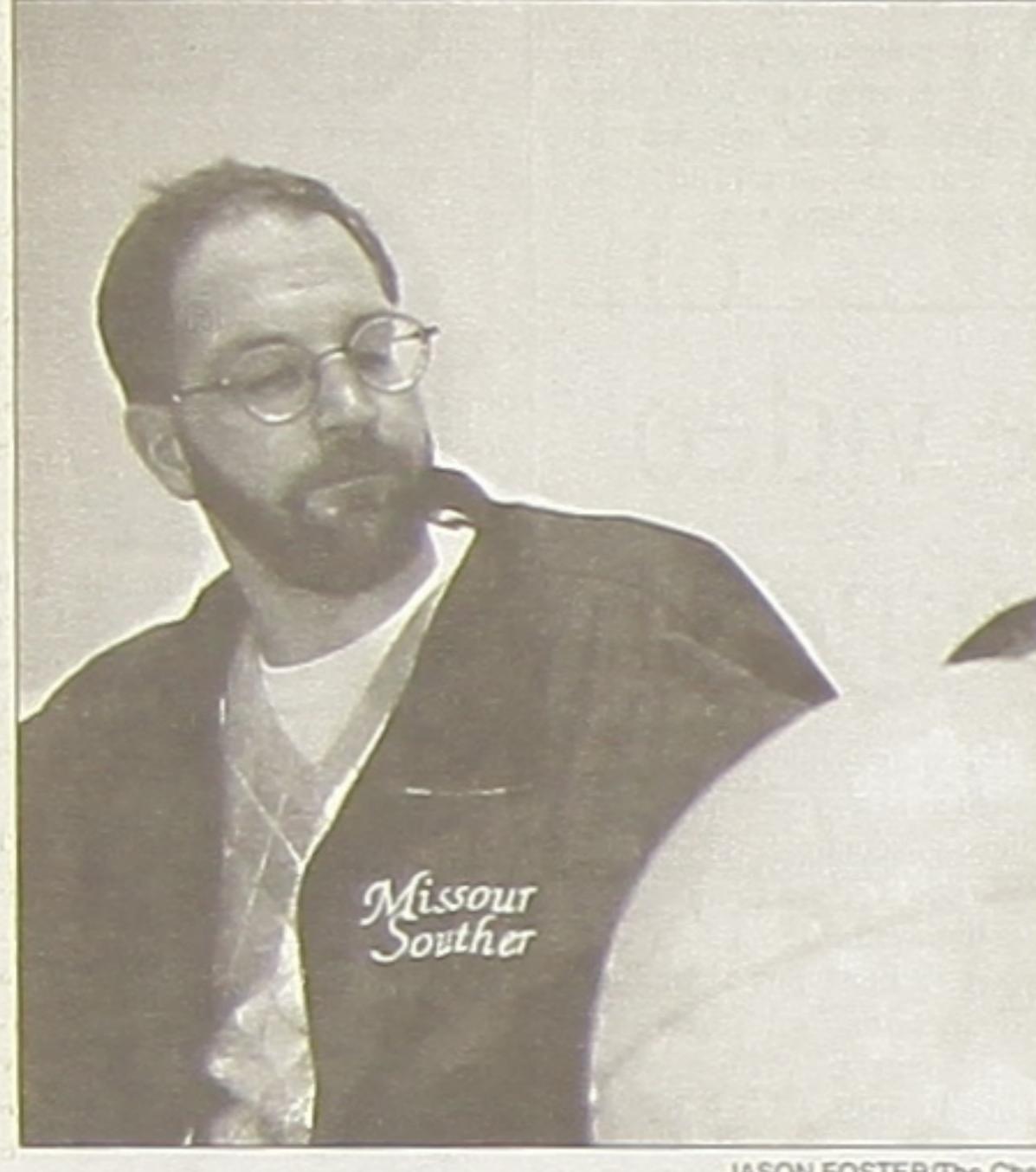
Roesel believes theatre is one of the strongest departments at Southern.

"Dr. Jay Fields (head of the theatre department) is one of the most incredible people I've ever met," Roesel said. "He inspires me like you wouldn't believe. He taught me imaging, like when I'm onstage, if I believe what my character's believing, then it will be even more real to the audience. So now when I'm onstage, I am my character." □



JASON FOSTER/The Chart  
Freshman theatre major Joey Roesel has been keeping busy on stage and off.

## GENERAL STUDIES



JASON FOSTER/The Chart

Senior general studies major Chris Guillory has made the most of his work with the Student Alumni Association on campus.

## INTERNSHIP BRINGS CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

### Guillory enjoys educational experience

By SCOTT MEEKER  
CHART REPORTER

**D**espite recent events in the White House, not all internships end up under investigation by an independent council.

For senior general studies major Chris Guillory, a communications internship with the Missouri Southern Alumni Association proved to be a rewarding experience.

"It gave me a chance to gain valuable job experience right here on campus," he said. "And it opened the door to several opportunities that I might not otherwise have had."

His internship led to a work-study job in the alumni office and the positions of member-at-large and public relations chair on the newly formed Student Alumni Association.

A long-time area resident and graduate of Joplin High School, Guillory chose to attend Southern for its reputation as a quality, affordable school. He chose a general studies major for the broad range of educational experiences that it had to offer.

"I've focused in on communications and psychology," he said. "I want to enter the public relations field when I graduate this December, and I feel that those two areas will best prepare me."

And although his position with the Alumni Association is only work-study, Guillory considers the experiences he has gained from it to be invaluable. Among other projects, he has helped design the T-shirts for the SAA, organized the alumni tailgate contest, prepared a benefit card for all students, and is currently developing a number of special events for the entire campus.

Lee Ellif Pound, director of alumni affairs and Guillory's supervisor, agrees that his position has given him opportunities that might not have been available to him anywhere else.

"Chris has really proven the kind of work that he is capable of," she said. "He has been able to apply his educational skills into the field of public relations."

Both Guillory and Pound encourage students to become involved with internship programs for the chance to apply what they have learned in the classroom.

After graduation, Guillory says he would like to work for the public relations/information office of a major college or university.

"I find this kind of work to be very rewarding," he said. □

## EDUCATION

# Long trail leads Neise to attend Southern

By BRANDON LAWSON  
CHART REPORTER



JASON FOSTER/The Chart

Hoping to graduate before 2001, senior history education major Kathy Neise has made Southern her home.

**A**fter attending five different colleges, Kathy Neise, a senior history education major, is ready and anxious to get her degree at Missouri Southern.

"My goal is the millennium," she said. "I want to graduate before the millennium."

Neise had her first taste of college at Saint Louis University, where she participated in a high school cooperative program to receive college credit. Upon graduating from Hazelwood High School, she took her bags to Kentucky Christian College.

Neise was so overwhelmed at the end of her first week in Kentucky that she called her mother "in tears" saying, "You have to come get me, I hate it here."

Neise's mother came to get her that same day. Neise packed up her bags and came home.

"The food was horrible, I didn't know anyone, and I was taking 18 hours," she said. "On the third day of classes, my roommate became sick and was spraying Lysol and puking everywhere. It was just horrendous."

Even though her parents were glad she was back home, Neise believed she had let God, her parents, and herself down.

"Here it was this Christian college and I only go a week," she said.

From there Neise started taking night classes at Louis Community College in Florissant.

"They were the most fun because you had all the non-trads (non traditional students)," she said.

"You'd have all these old people in your class and the atmosphere was just relaxed. You could sit back and chill. The professors actually talked to you like people and you didn't have to put up with the you're stupid stuff."

Neise continued to take classes there for a year and a half. Then she transferred to Ozark Christian College in Joplin. Her experience at OCC was "absolutely wonderful," she said.

"I lived at Ozark. I worked at Ozark. Ozark was world," she said. "And I needed that. I needed family. I needed it emotionally."

After attending OCC for a year, Neise transferred to Missouri Southern to work toward her teaching degree.

History is her favorite subject. One of her dreams is to pass on her love of history to the students who will be teaching in high school.

Neise has a younger brother, Jeff, who is currently searching for a college.

The family joke is that he will receive his bachelors degree before Neise does. □

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# District reconfigures secondary classes

chool board allows  
h graders to return  
high school's halls

KIKI COFFMAN  
STAFF EDITOR

After five years of study, the Joplin R-8 Board of Education Tuesday night

proved an action to revamp some schools in their placement of

Dr. Vernon Hudson, Joplin R-8 superintendent, said the plan was

aimed at student retention and the

goal of providing students

better opportunities at no extra

ARTHAGE

"If we can get the ninth graders with the rest of the high school, then they might feel their grades were more important — as important as they in actuality are," Hudson said.

The plan includes a reworking of class locations and students in Joplin High School, Franklin Technology Center (FTC), Park Academy, and Joplin Junior High School.

Ninth graders will be at Joplin High School starting with the upcoming school year. An alternative school will be established for students at high risk of dropping out.

Also, some high school classes will be rechanneled into FTC classes that will move to Missouri

Southern to create more space at the high school.

"We can do this without increasing staffing, it won't cost us any more money, plus it won't reduce any of the benefits," Hudson said.

Hudson said the recommendation was valid because the creation of the alternative school at Park Academy would free up room at Joplin High School and FTC and that the rearranging of classes and students would not only benefit the students, but could also be done without additional spending.

But doubts may shadow the horizon of the reconfiguration. Several concerned students and Joplin citizens spoke to the school board after the meeting concerning the issue.

"The information that I have been

exposed to indicates that it is not a good idea, because whether they say the number of students is going to increase or not, I definitely think it is going to increase," said Danielle LeTendre, a sophomore at Joplin High School. "The amount of one-on-one attention that we have is already lacking, and I can't imagine more students vying for the attention of a limited staff."

"I've only met two students at the high school who think that it is a good idea, but the rest of us aren't so sure. The majority of the students at the high school are not in favor of this idea at all."

"It will increase the dropout rate, in my opinion, rather than decrease it. When we can't get through the halls now, it is hard to imagine that

another group of students will be forced to fight for space in here, too. It is not an issue of jealousy, but an issue of overcrowding."

Support for the issue remains strong, however, and plans were announced for the day following the meeting to begin working with the teachers and individual institutes on the methods and steps to be taken.

"The important thing is that a decision has been made and the real work can begin regarding how we will get to the reconfiguration in the next four months," Hudson said.

"And I can assure you that the committees will be made up of the people that are in this school and are in the junior high and will be made up of the people that are directly affected by the plans." □

## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Tour showcases area homes' kitchens, decor

Joplin kitchens will be the focus of the Kitchens of Joplin Tour '98 scheduled for Saturday, May 9.

Four Joplin kitchens will be a part of the tour from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Addresses are: 2703 E. 15th St.; 3131 Westberry; 3334 Westberry; and 2404 W. 32nd St. A map is on the back of the tickets to help locate the homes. Tickets allow participants to tour all four kitchens.

Advance tickets are \$8 and may be purchased at the Mercy Health Resource Library in Joplin; Creative Designs at Monkey Island on Grand Lake; 2nd Street Gallery in Carthage; Famous Barr in Joplin; and Sandstone Gardens in Joplin. Tickets are also available the day of the event in any of the homes for \$10.

The event, sponsored by the Mercy Library Guild, will showcase features and decor unique to each kitchen. Area merchants donated items to set up tables, decorate, and groom backyards for the tour. Floral arrangements, decorations, place settings, and patio furniture displays are also part of the tour. Area chefs will also prepare samples for participants on the tour. A bake sale will be available at one of the kitchens.

The Mercy Library Guild serves as the support for fund-raising and promotion of St. John's Regional Medical Center's Mercy Health Resource Library. Proceeds will benefit the Mercy Health Resource Library, a community medical library available to the public by St. John's Regional Medical Center in Joplin. □

## Mercy Health Library offers variety of sources

The Mercy Health Resource Library is open to the public and operates as a community library providing services as needed, specifically relating to health and wellness. The library contains a variety of sources of information including medical and consumer books; journals and newsletters; audio and video tapes; computer programs for patron use; clipping file with a wide variety of medical subjects; Internet access; and support group information.

Hours of the Library are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The Mercy Health Resource Library is a Planetree affiliate, which allows access to a nationwide organization of consumer health libraries which have been in operation since the early 1980s. □

## Courses counsel people dealing with grief, losses

St. John's Regional Medical Center's Hospice will offer a session of its Grief Recovery Program in May. The program is designed to discuss normal grief issues and encourage recovery through a safe, confidential, and sensitive group setting.

Classes will begin on Monday and be held on four consecutive Mondays (May 4, 11, 18, 25). The meetings will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. at St. John's Hospice office, 1816 Plaza Place in Parsons, Kan. For more information or to pre-register, persons may call 625-2325 or 1-800-638-7073.

The bereavement program is targeted for those individuals who have suffered the loss of a spouse, child, or other loved one in their lives. Topics covered during the course will include: loss and grief, spiritual aspects of grief, remembering, intimacy, and new beginnings. These classes will offer a variety of educational materials and also serve as a type of support group setting in which to ask questions and to facilitate group discussion of grief issues. □

## Workers strike for contract, better job wages, negotiation

By BRIN CAVAN  
STAFF WRITER

**T**he International Aerospace and Machinist Union (Local 1475) and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (Local 95) went on strike Tuesday after the management and employees of H.E. Williams were unable to reach an agreement.

H.E. Williams, a Carthage-based company of 341 employees, manufactures fluorescent light fixtures. About 250 of the union workers walked off the job. H.E. Williams management was unavailable for comment, but released a statement saying it was disappointed that union employees had rejected the company's final contract offer. It stated that employees were offered an 11 percent raise, but negotiations broke down over the company's request that employees start paying \$5 per week toward family health coverage. They currently have no co-payment.

"We are on strike because we did not ratify the contract that the company submitted to us yesterday," said Linda Bridges of Diamond. "They have offered us the raise, but it is a case of — you are going to get a raise, but you are going to have to pay for it."

With the proposed health coverage payment, deductibles increase.

"An employee paying \$5 a week for

their insurance with their deductible going up figures to a \$360-a-year increase in money out of our pocket," Bridges said.

Rocky Barlett of Webb City said if you break down the 11 percent raise that was offered IBEW, it should be an additional 90 cents an hour for him. After figuring the changes proposed by management, it will actually amount to 52 cents an hour without any additional raises for the next three years.

One proposed change eliminates premium pay positions.

"If you sit and run a computerized machine where you have to know the whole thing, you get an extra 15 cents an hour," said Dale Bridgewater of Diamond. "Now you just run the machine and you don't get anything extra for it."

A strong point of contention is the fact that management and office workers have a 401K pension plan, but the production workers are not offered a retirement plan.

"We proposed to them an IAM pension plan that would save them money, but they wouldn't even look at it," said Steve St. Clair of Sarcoxie.

"We even brought down a lady from Washington, D.C. and presented it to them, gave them all the facts, numbers, and everything. They didn't even consider it."

Another issue is overtime.

"If they say you will work every

Saturday for 52 weeks, you will work six days a week for 52 weeks," Bridges said. "According to the language, they can make unlimited overtime mandatory."

"They don't want you to have any family life whatsoever," Barlett said. "That is one thing the union was striving for was to have a family life."

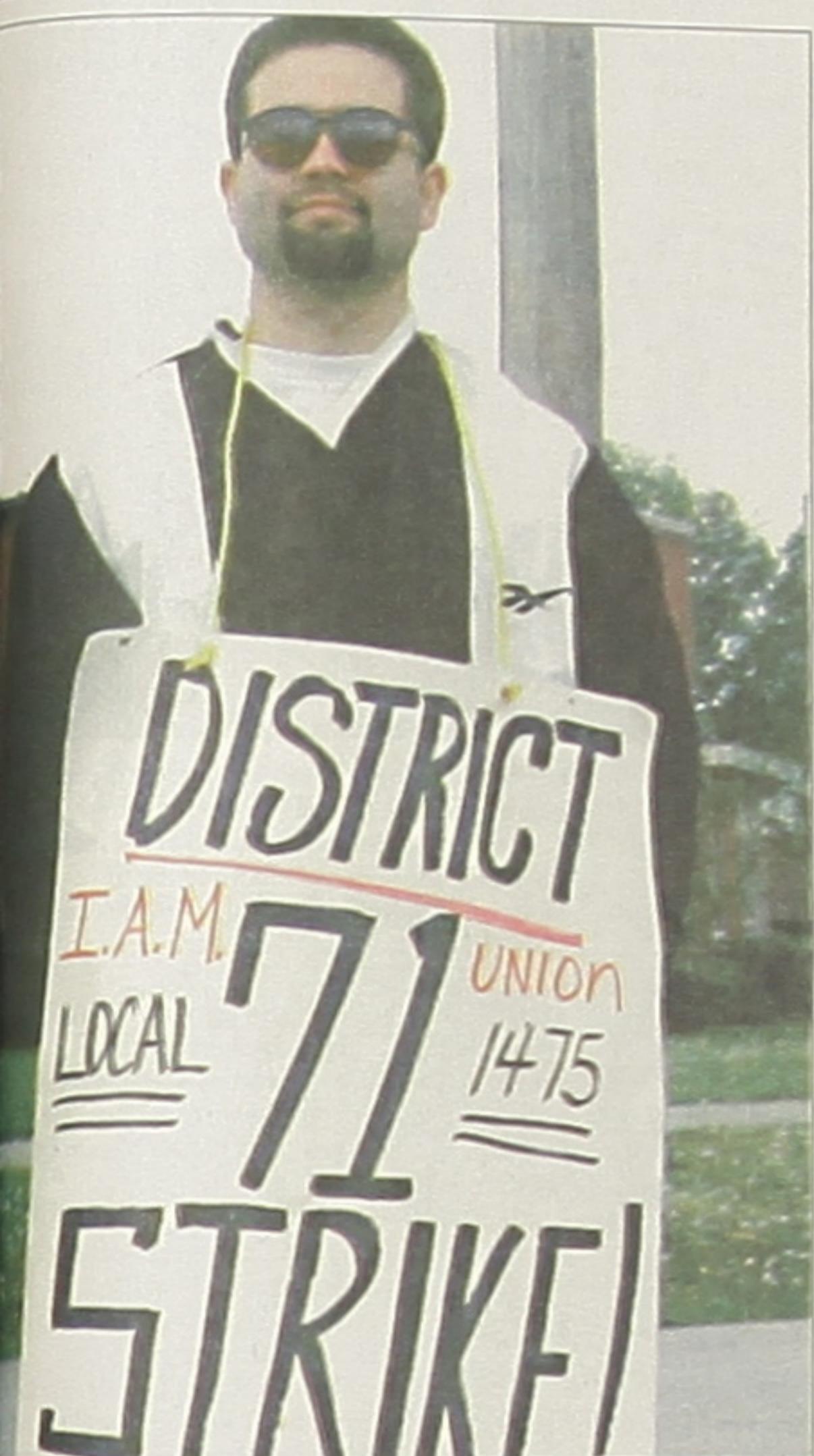
Although frustrated with some of the company's proposals, union members are still open to negotiation.

"We have tried to negotiate long before this even started," St. Clair said. "The meetings we had would last only an hour or two hours. We even tried to negotiate with them on Saturday and Sunday. They didn't even want to talk to us."

Bridges pointed out that H.E. Williams is a third-generation company that has been in Carthage in excess of 80 years. She said CEO Mark Williams' grandfather invited the unions in because other union electricians would not wire lights that did not have union labels.

"We are trying to supply them with a reliable work force," St. Clair said. "This is what the union is after. We are in it for the long haul."

Carolyn McGinnis of Diamond expressed the feelings of many of the strikers when she said: "We went in bargaining in good faith and we walked out bargaining in good faith. The ball is in their court." □



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Heather Franklin, a member of The International Aerospace and Machinist Union (Local 1475) and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (Local 95), walked the picket line Wednesday afternoon in front of the H.E. Williams plant in Carthage. The strike started Tuesday.

OPINION HALL

## World tour displays positive message of Christian life

By HEATHER OWENS  
STAFF WRITER

Boards, bikes, and blades hit the stage Tuesday night at Joplin Memorial Hall as Impact World Tour presented "GX Jam."

The shows "Island Breeze," "GX Jam," and "Team Extreme" took place on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, respectively. Performers came from all over the world to demonstrate their talents and convey the word of God.

There are 70 local churches that we're working with," said Beth Graff, administrative assistant with Impact World Tour. "Funding comes from people within the churches. They want us to reach out to the community."

Graff said Impact World Tour goes all over the world with the different shows.

We moved our families here Nov. 1 and we will stay June to follow up on the show's impact," she said. Impact World Tour recently visited approximately 20 schools to share its anti-drug, anti-alcohol, and Christian message while performing incredible stunts,

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Tour spread the message of God. Koehler said she strongly agreed with the show's message.

"I think it's great because these are cool people who have been given the idea that church is fun. Their excitement is for God," she said.

Chris Phillips, Joplin, participated in the "GX Jam" by demonstrating his skills on roller blades. Phillips said he was excited about participating in the "GX Jam" because of the positive message it conveys about religion.

"When someone brings up going to church, kids usually say, 'Let's go to Taco Bell' instead."

Phillips performed several stunts on his blades and accomplished a back flip for a cheering audience by the end of the show.

"We are all missionaries," Graff said. "This is a not-for-profit organization; none of us receives compensation. What we do receive is support."

Dancers took the stage between stunts, and performers took time out to share their testimonies with the audience.

Graff said each volunteer has an incredible story and their experiences have a large impact on others.

"They have powerful messages," she said. "They see how to make positive life changes and how the choice they make now can affect the rest of their lives." □

## Computers, Internet bring 'tremendous' changes during career beginning in 1969

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programs to get into, possibilities for research, and communication with people all over the world. It's just really been a lot of fun."

Dove said her love of reading motivated her to become a librarian.

"I like reading all the magazines and news-

papers we subscribe to here," she said.

She has enjoyed working with the College's library staff.

"Terre Hargis has been my clerk for several years," she said.

"She has been a tremendous help, and I

couldn't get along without her. I also work with Robert Black, the reference librarian, and [head librarian] Charles Kemp, and they have all been a nice group of people to work with."

Friendships with students, faculty, and staff are what Dove said she will miss most.

"It's been especially interesting working with the international students, several of whom have worked for me over the years," she said. "I've always said these [Southern] students were the nicest students anywhere."

The library staff plans to hold a retirement reception for Dove from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, May 15 in the basement break room of the library.

Some of her former student staff members are among the well-wishers expected to attend.

"It's going to be a great loss for the library and Missouri Southern," said Hargis, reference and periodical clerk.

"She's been a mainstay, and we all hate to see her go, but we're glad that she's going to get to travel." □



TIM WILSON/The Chart  
Joplin's Memorial Hall was the site of Impact World Tour's GX Jam Tuesday. The tour brings talent from around the world.

**□ In 1818, President James Monroe signed a congressional enabling act authorizing the Missouri territory to organize a state government in preparation for admission to the Union. The genesis of Missouri's Supreme Court followed shortly thereafter. The Missouri Supreme Court soon began carving an identity for the newly formed state out of English common law.**

# Precedence to Present

## The changing face of Missouri's Supreme Court

By AARON DESLATTE  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

"Of the three departments of [state] government the judiciary of the state was the last to succumb to the levelling spirit of democracy."

— Floyd Shoemaker, Missouri historian

Chief Justice Duane Benton made his entrance into the Supreme Court room. Camera flash bulbs went off. The murmuring of students, part of a tour group seated before the judges' bench, died down. The room, which served as a tourist attraction rather than an operating court, was the glistening embodiment of the consummation of modern law. The oak benches and chairs were polished and sleek.

The bronze Seal of Missouri hung on the wall behind the judges' bench, centering the Missouri and United States flags. The room demanded reverence. And Benton was at the helm, ready to entertain any questions.

"Are judges appointed for life?" one student asked. "That's a very good question," Benton replied with a jovial exuberance unexpected from a man of his stature.

"Unlike at the federal level where judges are appointed for life, a judge on the Missouri Supreme Court has to be retained every 12 years by a vote of the people," he said.

The news took some by surprise. Despite 164 years of imposed terms for Missouri Supreme Court justices, it remains a common misconception that appointment is for life.

No sooner had Missouri entered the Union in 1821 than efforts to curb the power of the judiciary began to materialize. A nationwide economic recession combined with a judicial veto of an 1820-1821 relief program fueled attempts to check the fledgling court's growing influence over its democratically elected partner branches.

In 1834, an amendment to the state constitution eliminated life tenure and established three-year terms provided by gubernatorial appointment. In 1850, the amendment was replaced and judges became elected officials serving six-year terms.

In the state's first judicial election, two of the three incumbents were ousted. Their replacements were left to prepare opinions concerning a lawsuit involving a slave by the name of Dred Scott that had entangled the court for more than a year. The case eventually would produce the same divisive result at the federal level as at the state and serve as a precursor to the Civil War.

"The Supreme Court of Missouri is hopelessly behind in its docket. If no new cases were appealed thereto it is estimated that it would take a bench of five members, the number now sitting, at least three years to decide all cases before it."

— Jay Torrey in a letter to the St. Louis Globe Democrat, Dec. 11, 1880.

Case overload forced the institution of an Office of

Commissioners within the Missouri Supreme Court in 1882. The commissioners were appointed by the court and consisted of three persons to whom cases could be referred by the court with permission of the litigants. The commissioners' reports could be approved, revised, or corrected by the court. If approved, the commissioners' opinion became the judgment of the court. The commissioners' office was successful in decreasing the court's docket and remained a functioning part of the Supreme Court until abolished by a 1976 constitutional amendment. The phasing out of commissioners brought about the court's current institution of clerks, usually youthful law graduates, two of whom were assigned to each member of the court to assist with research and opinion writing.

But case overload persists as a constant hindrance to Missouri's court system.

When Benton ascended to chief justice in 1997, he inherited the problem and the state's developed plan to correct it. In 1994 a court automation plan was voted into law. The plan called for the complete automation of judicial accounting and case management systems. Since approved four years ago, court automation has progressed slower than expected, while court cases throughout the state have increased exponentially. In his January State of the Judiciary speech, Benton stated the rising number of circuit court cases was compounded by the lack of funds to hire additional county clerks. The largest rise in cases has come from child support delinquency.

In Jasper County alone, the amount of money collected by the county clerk's office has risen from \$1.6 million to an estimated \$9 million per year since Benton took office in 1991.

After completing tours of the Supreme Court building, Benton retired to his office for the morning.

He looked over the case load on his desk. A clerk carried in paperwork pertaining to a lawsuit presently before the court. They briefly discussed the phrasing on a particular segment of the opinion, careful not to divulge any specifics of the case. Supreme Court justices are forbidden from discussing cases currently before the court. Benton swiveled the chair to face the laptop computer behind his desk. He checked his e-mail and several judicial Web sites before returning his attention to his desk.

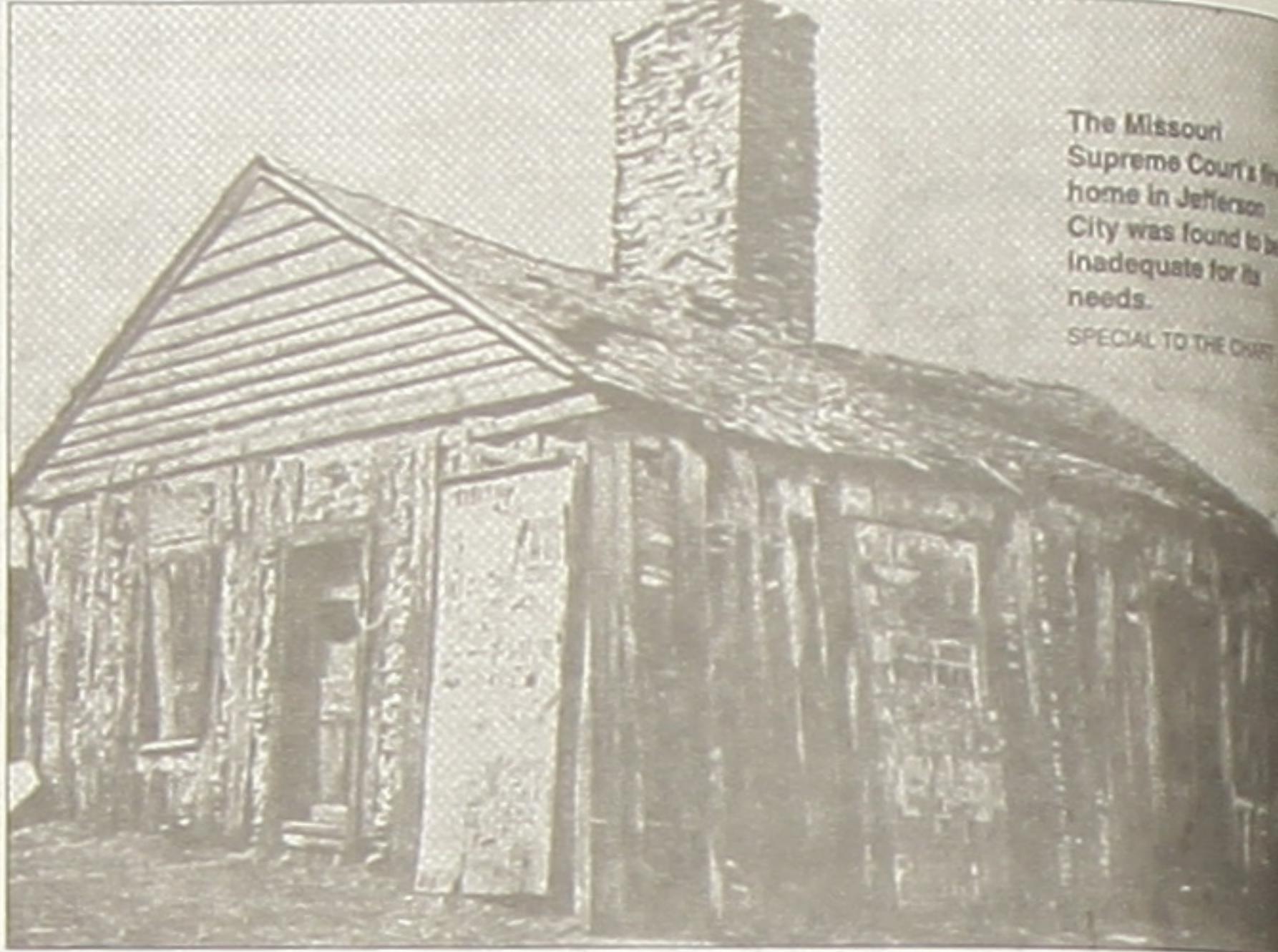
The Missouri Supreme Court currently convenes once a month to decide which cases on the court's docket will be taken on. The court will hear approximately 1,500 cases per year. Supreme Court justices operate under a self-imposed 90-day deadline for the handing out of opinions.

"We put deadlines on all circuit court decisions," Benton said. "So it seems appropriate to do the same for us."

"A judicial officer is different from a mere political officer, a judge is the organ of the law, a political officer of the people....[As] Chief Justice Marshall [said] A judge has no will of his own; he is a mere instrument of the law; he is bound, governed and guided by the law; it is his polestar which alone guides his decisions. How then could a judge...that power which stands between the people and the government, but subject to the sway of the people, and be bound by their instructions?"

— William C. Jones, Newton County delegate at the constitutional convention of 1845.

The question of whether judges should be appointed or elected was one that had divided Missourians



The Missouri Supreme Court's first home in Jefferson City was found to be inadequate for its needs.

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since the state's inception into the Union.

In 1940 a non-partisan court appointment amendment was adopted to the Missouri Constitution. It called for nominations to the Supreme Court to be made by a commission. The commission was called to nominate three candidates with the actual 12-year appointment made by the governor. Once appointed, judges were subject to retention or ouster by popular vote.

Duane Benton became the 105th justice of the Missouri Supreme Court on Aug. 16, 1991, after serving as the director of the Missouri Department of Revenue from 1989 to 1991. A 1975 graduate of Yale Law School, Benton was nominated for the Supreme Court by a commission chaired by then-Chief Justice Edward Robertson. Benton was appointed by Gov. John Ashcroft and was retained at the November 1992 election.

In addition to his regular duties as chief justice, Benton also teaches an appellate practice seminar at the University of Missouri-Columbia's School of Law on Mondays with Bill Thompson, legal counsel of the Supreme Court.

Standing in front of the law class on the MU campus, Benton looks as comfortable and in character as in the courtroom. He trades jokes with Thompson in lawyer jargon.

"He has an air of authority," said Tom Bolling, a student in the class. "You put an awful amount of stock in his opinions."

If asked, Benton will say the opportunity to be a part of Missouri's judicial heritage was what motivated him to pursue appointment to the Supreme Court.

"For anyone who loves the law, the opportunity to be involved with it is [motivation] enough," he said.

"...we've got a (supreme) court that believes that God Himself opposes gambling, and if there's a way to derail the will of the sinners—that is, the voters who overwhelmingly approved the gambling referendum—the Supremes will find it."

— Columnist Bill McClellan in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Feb. 4, 1994.

The Missouri Supreme Court has persevered some of the most recognized and influential court decisions to shape the face of the nation, and previous

justices, in doing so, have instituted a precedent future appointees to follow.

When Duane Benton ascended to the highest judicial seat in the state, he inherited the future of Missouri's evolving face. And in doing so, he inherited the spotlight trying such cases usually generates.

Perhaps the "hottest" case the court has dealt with under Benton's tenure has been the ramifications of the 1994 legalization of riverboat gaming facilities.

In 1994, the voters of Missouri approved the legalization of riverboat gambling on the Mississippi River.

In 1996, the future of many such facilities was thrown into doubt after the Supreme Court ruled in artificial basins up to 1,000 feet from the rivers were not included under the referendum.

The decision sparked numerous appeals throughout the state, and the topic continues to be a source of varied legal interpretations today.

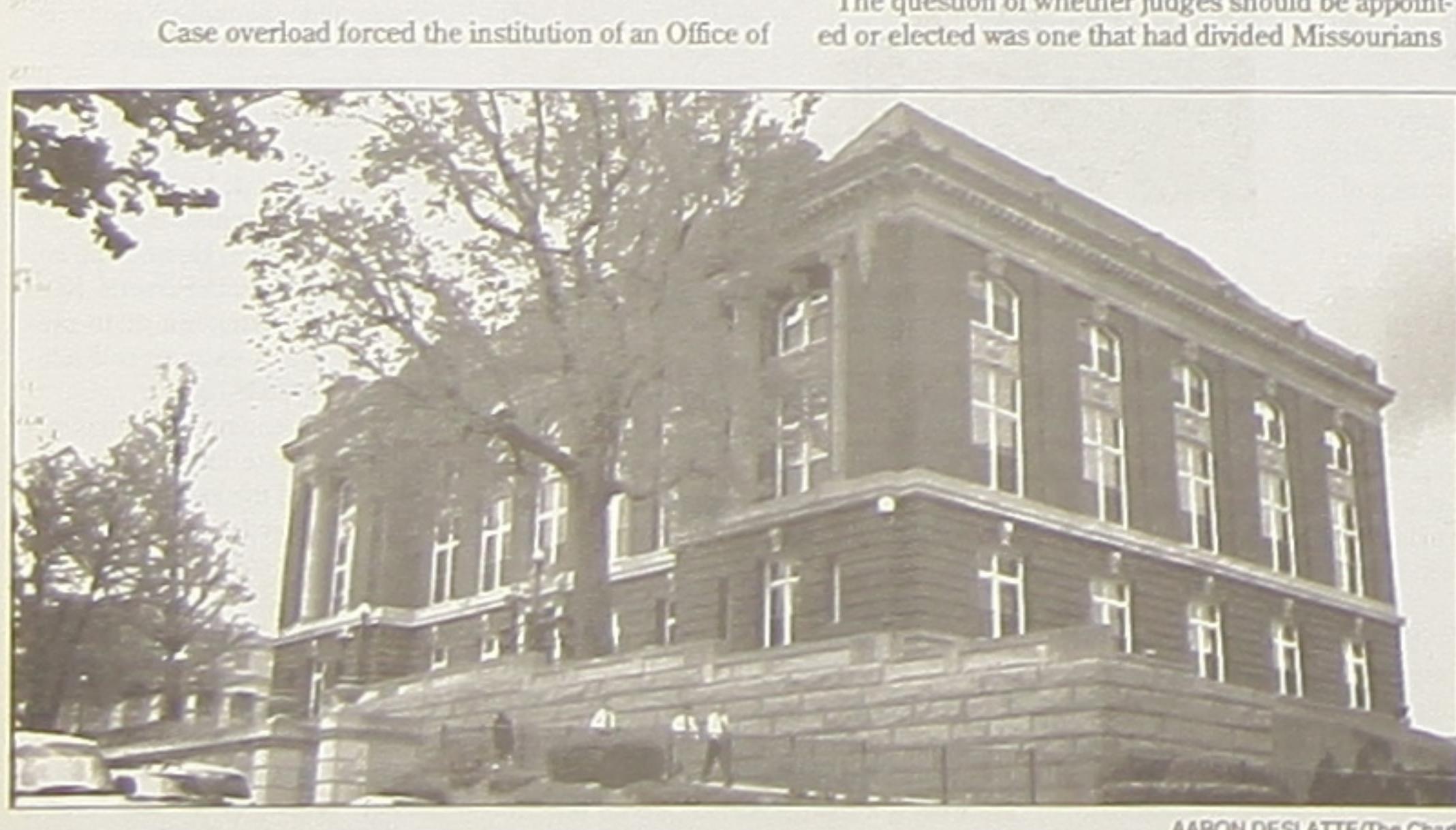
While serving on the Supreme Court throughout the saga and drafting the Court's unanimous opinion, Benton has been considered the predominant voice of the law on the subject, a situation that was reinforced by his ascension to the Court's senior position.

The topic is but one in the long history of the court, and its final outcome will help to shape the future of Missouri, as past cases and

future ones will.

And while inevitably subject to human error, the occasional appearance of which should serve to remind all those who live under the Court's influence that it is a living, breathing and changing entity — subject to the same drive toward self-improvement as the human beings charged to its preservation.

In *The Missouri Supreme Court: From Dred Scott to Nancy Cruzan*, legal historian Gerald T. Dunn presents a superb perspective on the human face of the Court, saying: "The biography of a legal institution inevitably presents a vision of law as a broad social and economic force. There is another dimension, however: the individual legacy of the one-hundred-and-seven incumbents who have sat on the bench of the highest court in their state, which suggests the only certainty of law and history is that some men and women will make both."



Aaron Deslatte/The Chart



Duane Benton speaks to a visiting group of students during their tour of the Supreme Court Building.

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# Legislators enter late-session 'playoffs'

Partisan leaders build steam heading into final weeks

By AARON DESLATTÉ

ASSOCIATE EDITOR

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — Coinciding with the beginning of NBA and NHL postseason play, state legislators are entering their second season of sorts. With only two weeks left in the General Assembly's session, legislators are forming their own teams and squaring off to hammer out remaining differences in key legislation.

"In the first part of the session, you know you're going to have time to debate bills later," said Rep. Chuck Surface (R-Joplin). "The last few weeks are kind of like a playoff game."

Surface said staying focused becomes essential in the final weeks of the session.

"Everything is going by so fast, it's hard to keep up with everything. With everything coming out of conference, you almost have to take someone's word on some bills, and that's hard to do here," Surface said.

"You have to be that much more careful (about voting for bills). You want to be as focused as possible."

And Surface, a salty legislative veteran, has seen his time in the trenches. He's even seen his fair share of overtime when it was the tradition in the House to stay in session until midnight on the chamber's last day.

"There's a pool over how many votes will be taken on the last day. The average is a little over 200 votes," Surface said. "It's not unusual that we have the priority bills go down to the last two weeks. There's a lot of posturing. It's the rule of 82 (votes needed for a House majority)."

Rep. Mark Elliott (R-Carl Junction) has seen the tide of majority opinions shift in the last weeks of session. He has seen the superstars of the House and Senate take over debates to get their bills through.

"This is the most competitive part of the year," Elliott said. "This is the time when you find out who's got what it takes. The scope of the people who make the decisions narrows. Twenty to 25 legislators are making the decisions. It really crunches down and simplifies the process."

The Assembly's most immediate challenge will be to reach a balanced budget.

Differences in both House and Senate versions of the nearly \$16 billion operating budget will have to be solved before 6 p.m. May 8, one week before adjournment, in order to avoid a special session like the one held last year to balance the budget.

Such a special session is constitutionally prohibited, and to prevent it from happening again, Gov. Mel Carnahan has threatened to line-item veto appropriations in the budget if it is not balanced by the deadline.

Hangups in balancing the budget both last year and this year surround attempts to prevent

state planning funds from going to abortion clinics, primarily Planned Parenthood.

**Mark Elliott**  
(R-Carl Junction)

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## YOU MISSED A SPOT



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State employees kept busy on Wednesday by cleaning the outer windows of the Missouri Department of Transportation building.

EDITOR'S COLUMN

## Sunshine Law failure lies with disinterested citizens

The immortal words of Walt Kelly's comic character Pogo the Possum seem most appropriate when pondering the outcome of Missouri's Sunshine Law reform.

We have met the enemy and he is US." As effortless as it has become to delegate responsibility for the failure of current domestic policy to those who have been elected to conceive the buck for the failure of Missouri House Bill 1095 to pass through both chambers intact lies squarely in the collective laps of those the bill would have served to protect — US.

The Missouri Sunshine Law, enacted 25 years ago, specifies that most meetings and records of local and state governmental bodies are open to the press and public. The bill was passed to allow citizens and media organizations to adequately serve as watchdogs of the government. Since its adoption, numerous public officials have strived shamelessly to bend, and when possible, break the law while citizens and



**Aaron Deslatte**  
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media organizations have fought to strengthen it. In between the political bantering and splintering of the public trust, the Sunshine Law has served its purpose as completely as its sometimes perplexing phraseology permits.

Proponents of improving the law have long alleged its vagueness in areas needed to be amended.

Opponents claimed the law was intrusive and hindered the ability of elected officials to govern for fear of negative public reaction.

Enter House Bill 1095, which would allow greater access and accommodations to public meetings held by governmental bodies, as well as making public the voting records of members of all governmental bodies. Needless to say, the bill had numerous adversaries. Surprisingly, allies were found to be in short supply. After surviving its House rite of passage, the bill, lacking supporters beyond the House members who fought for its passage, was dismantled in a Senate subcommittee.

Rep. Mark Elliott (R-Carl Junction) will be the first to vent frustration over the gutting of his attachment that would have forced settlements relating to public governmental bodies involving taxpayer funds to be made public.

Elliott's attachment came in response to an alleged sexual

harassment complaint made by a former Carl Junction police dispatcher against the then-acting police chief. A settlement was reached. Taxpayer money was used to pay off the dispatcher, and the records were conveniently closed to the public.

"This is why the public doesn't trust the government. It's not representative government at all," Elliott said of the Senate changes he was powerless to prevent. "It's just wrong, wrong, wrong."

Elliott was not the only proponent at a loss for words. Apparently no one else had prepared statements, and that explains why nothing has been said at all.

Foremost responsibility lies within the media. As the self-appointed voice of the public, the media have fallen unapologetically silent concerning Sunshine reform, while county commissions and police unions have rallied to petition their legislators against the bill.

It is effortless to delegate this responsibility once again to legislators. But the only disservice performed by the General Assembly was the crime of doing its job. It has represented the groups most interested in making their voices heard. Unfortunately, it wasn't US.

If Walt Kelly were still alive, Pogo would have plenty to say. □



AARON DESLATTÉ/The Chart  
Legislators and lobbyists mingle outside the Missouri Senate chamber in the Capitol Building. Legislators have two more weeks to work out their differences in key legislation.

Both versions of the budget divert state funding from Planned Parenthood to other projects. Last year's attempt to do the same was ruled unconstitutional after being appealed at the federal level.

The legality of "partial-birth" abortions is also an area of increased focus in the last week of session. Last year, the Assembly approved a ban on such a procedure that Carnahan vetoed. A veto override failed by one vote.

This year, a similar bill is expected to win in the Senate after already doing so in the House. Carnahan has threatened to once again veto the bill if it includes no provision for the mother's life. If vetoed, supporters of the bill in the Assembly, who claim the provision would render the bill useless, could have the support for an override.

How to replace \$100 million in court-ordered state desegregation payments to the Kansas City School District is another dilemma legislators must try to solve before the end of session.

The payments will end June 30, 1999, and Kansas City officials fear the district will be plunged into bankruptcy, requiring the state to step in and render assistance. To avoid the district's shut-down, the Senate has given approval to a package that would provide \$38 million in relief to the Kansas City School District. The bill has been taken up by the House. Passage of the bill is also needed to trigger a settlement for a similar St. Louis desegregation lawsuit. Rural lawmakers have threatened to filibuster the bill if poor test scores in the desegregated areas are not addressed. □

## STATE NEWS BRIEFS

### ERA ratification approved by House committee

A House critical issues committee on Monday recommended the passage of a resolution that would call for Missouri to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA).

The amendment, which failed to be ratified by its 1982 congressional deadline, could still be added to the Constitution if three or more states approve the bill. The amendment needs ratification from 38 states to take effect.

Although considered largely a symbolic gesture, the committee voted 16-2 to pass the resolution that will now move on to the House floor where debate is expected.

The ERA calls for equality for women in hiring and other policies. The resolution to adopt the ERA was sponsored by Rep. Sue Shear (D-Clayton), who has supported the amendment since first elected to the House in 1973.

Supporters for the resolution include Gov. Mel Carnahan, who praised the work and perseverance of Shear, who is ill with cancer. Shear was the first sponsor for the ERA's ratification in 1974.

Opponents of the resolution said it may pass in the House due to pity for Shear's condition. □

### UM-Rolla granted hazardous waste permit

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency have issued a hazardous waste permit to the University of Missouri-Rolla.

The university is an institution of higher education that generates hazardous waste from research and facility maintenance activities. The final permit allows the school to store up to 3,043 gallons of hazardous waste in containers in the designated storage area. □

### Marijuana use rises on UM-Colombia campus

Despite attempts to curb the problem, officials at the University of Missouri-Columbia are seeing a steady increase in the number of drug-related arrests on campus.

According to the UMC police department, the number of arrests for drug violations on campus jumped from 29 to 81 in 1997.

While officials believe the increase is being experienced at colleges and universities nationwide, they are still searching for methods to curb the problem.

Before Thursday, students caught on MU's campus using drugs receive only a summons to appear before a court. Now, if they are from outside of Boone County they will be arrested by Columbia police and forced to post bond. The change in procedure is made every year after the end of the semester to ensure that the students appear at court dates.

Over the last three years, MU police have documented 36 incidents of marijuana use on campus in which no arrest was made.

According to an on-campus survey, 38.7 percent of MU students say they used marijuana in 1997. □

### Missouri Medicaid plan gets federal approval

The federal government approved a Missouri Medicaid expansion plan on Tuesday.

Under the plan proposed by Gov. Mel Carnahan's administration, a family of three earning \$40,950 a year could be eligible for government-sponsored health care.

Missouri's proposal to cover children up to 300 percent of poverty was replaced with a 200 percent limit or 50 percentage points above a state's levels. □

**TEACHERS:** Heading to the chalkboards for crash course

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textbook solutions aren't always best.

Both the desks and the issues are larger in Deborah Cholley's class.

She teaches English to five classes of freshmen and one class of juniors and seniors at Monett High School.

"I can't believe how happy I am doing this," she said. "The experi-

ence has been wonderful."

Cholley said she quickly learned how many pages of student writing she could grade in a week and scaled back her zealous assignments.

Her students' writing skills and creative energies are better than she expected.

Cholley said the students' behavior is also better than she expected, but she finds it challenging to keep the seniors

focused in these last few weeks of class.

"They try to shock me, but I have children their ages so they might as well give it up," she said.

One thing did shock her, however.

"I was not prepared to have my outfit critiqued every morning," Cholley said. "I get dressed every morning with the idea that I'm dressing for 14-year-olds. Will they approve?" □

**SMILEY-FACE:** College elects new Student Senate officers

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"It's ridiculous," DeGonia said. "A lot of people said they didn't have time as they walked past the ballot box."

"I think it's sad that people don't

care about the leadership of the school," Mathis agreed.

Other than announcing election results, Wednesday's meeting served as a time for President Sandy Fisk to close the semester.

"We had a really good year, we got a lot accomplished," Fisk said,

citing the phone in the library, parking spaces in front of the Billingsly Student Center, the Month of Caring, and December graduation as examples.

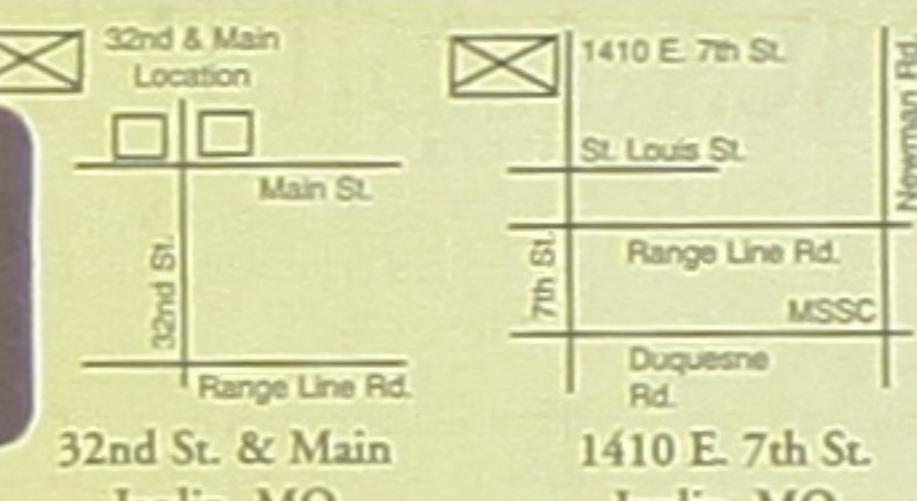
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**MAJORS:** Southern gives new options for 2 languages

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job that should have been done years ago."

Massa also said student interest in foreign languages was increasing. This is different for other colleges and universities.

"Many colleges are discontinuing majors in French and German," he said. "We are bucking the tide with that."

Because Southern is expanding its major options, Weber said the College is also expanding the career possibilities for students.

"I think it gives students additional career choices," she said. "French is still a useful language, especially in political science."

French was one of the most widely accepted forms of communication, and still is, during the Cold War for diplomacy talks.

Another reason the College is able to start these majors is because of an increased interest in teaching foreign languages in local school districts. Cramer currently teaches German in the Webb City

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Maryann Weber  
Associate professor of communications

school district. Massa said many districts are offering the courses as early as the second grade.

With French and German receiving increased emphasis, Massa said it wouldn't be long before other foreign languages also gained higher status.

"Minors in Russian, Chinese, and Japanese will be introduced," he said. "There have been grant proposals submitted ... that would [eventually] require majors in those languages."

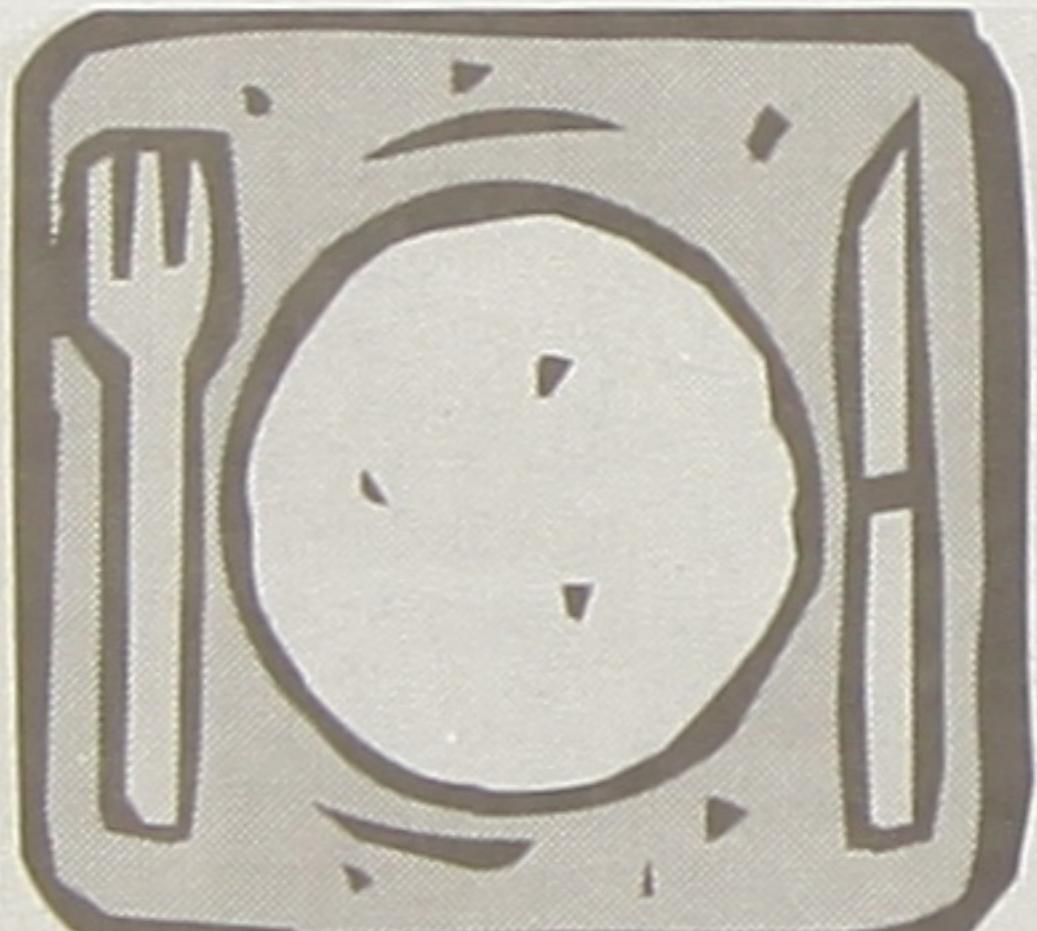
He said Russian, Chinese, and Japanese likely would become minors in 1999. □

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# Freshman pitcher garners conference honors

Southern wins MIAA tournament with break-out performance by Lady Lion pitching ace

ANDRE SMITH  
FF WRITER

ately it has been about as hard to get a hit off Lady Lion pitcher Britany Hargis as it would be for anyone to block a Shaquille O'Neal dunk.

The freshman pitcher from Broken Arrow, Okla., turned in a dazzling performance in the MIAA tournament last weekend, earning her pitcher of the week honors. She pitched and won all four games, consisting of 31 innings, and sent 33 batters down swinging at air or watching a pitch sail past them down the pipe.

"I can't remember a pitcher putting up the kind of numbers in a conference tournament that she did," said head coach Pat Lipira. "The last few years, Mandy Berg and Holly Trantham were the big pitchers, but they never dominated the way she did."

Hargis was not a tremendous asset for the Lady Lions because she and her supporting cast gave up only two unearned runs. Lipira said she was particularly impressed with her pitching in the second game against Emporia State when she sent the last three batters back to the dugout to seal a 1-0 victory. "I have never had a strikeout pitcher like that," she said. "Every time Emporia threatened, she came up with a key strikeout, and that made the difference in the world."

Hargis' season strikeout total reached 132 last weekend, leaving 27 shy of Southern's single-season record held by Trantham.

"I didn't know I was that close," Hargis said. "It's good I found out because I can add to my list."

Hargis boosted her record to 18-

with a 1.24 ERA. She was the only freshman named to the all-MIAA first team, which earned her freshman of the year honors as well. The honor had been won previously by teammates Pam Brewer and this year's MVP, Jennifer Jimerson.

"I didn't know what it was until Teri [Mathis] and Kim [Wilson] told me it was," Hargis said. "When Coach told me I was freshman of the year, Teri was sitting next to me and started bawling and hugging me. I'm glad they had faith in me."

Hargis added that without the support of freshman pitcher Elisha Bonnot, she would not have had the success she had last weekend.

Bonnot had a strong year as well, posting an 11-2 record and earning honorable mention all-conference honors.

Lipira said she has never had a pitching staff that got along so well.

"Most of the time pitchers develop egos and they don't get along too well with the other pitchers," she said. "These girls really support each other. If Britany is on the mound, then Elisha is cheering her on and vice versa."

Against Northwest Missouri State in the tournament opener, Hargis struck out nine and found herself in "a zone."

"I was on a roll and it felt good," she said. "I felt bad because I know Elisha wanted to pitch last weekend. After the game, she gave me like 50 hugs and told me she was so proud of me. That meant a lot."

Joanne Kremer, the Lady Lions' catcher, called the pitches throughout the tournament. Hargis said she had no problem executing the pitches she called.

"She has seniority and knows what she was doing," Hargis said. "I agreed with every pitch she called."

"Joanne really knows how to set up a batter," Lipira added.

Kremer may have made a tournament-saving play herself. When it came time for the second game against Missouri Western, Kremer noticed a different look in the eyes of her freshman pitcher.

"I was scared to death of Shannon Gunn because she hits really hard," Hargis said.

"Joanne called her first timeout of the season and told me to look at her just like I had looked at her in previous games. I ended up striking her out twice."

Lipira said she knew Hargis would adjust to the college game more quickly because of the quality high school program she came from.

"Some of the best fast pitch is played in Broken Arrow, Okla.," Lipira said. "In Broken Arrow you have to have a rise pitch and a breaking ball, and because she had that she was able to make that adjustment quicker."

Hargis has been pitching since age 7 when she played under her mother in Little League. She then began working with Mike Norton, an assistant coach at Broken Arrow. He gave her pitching lessons once a week, and she still makes visits with him.

"I've been working with him for a while," Hargis said, "and the things that I do well directly reflect on what he has taught me."



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Freshman pitcher Britany Hargis stymied opponents last weekend, leading the Lady Lions to an MIAA conference tournament title.

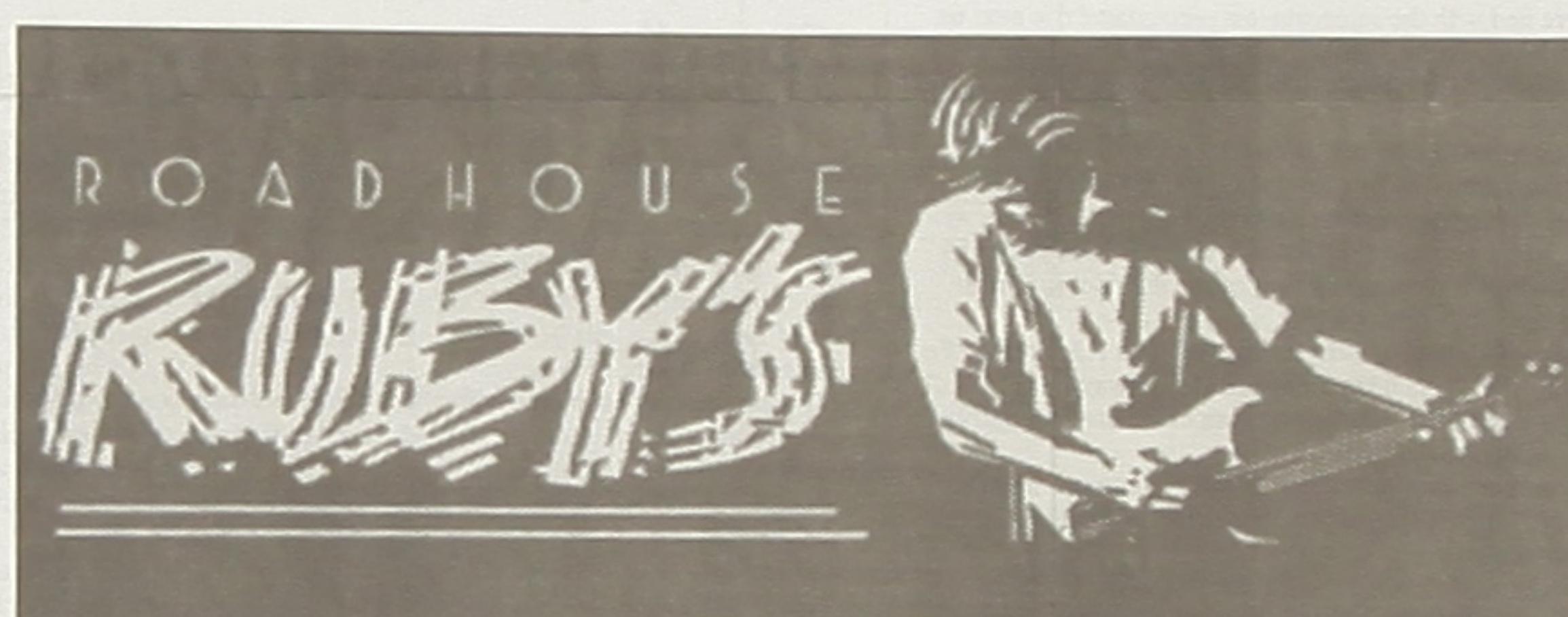
Jimerson was in the same position in 1995 when she was named freshman of the year, and she is now the league's MVP. Brewer was in Hargis' shoes the year after.

She had just helped her team to a conference championship. Can Hargis handle the pressure the way these two did?

"I'm going to try not to worry about it too much," she said. "I know everyone will expect me to do well, but all I can do is continue to work hard." □

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## 'Good stuff' in column for a change

All too often I'm confronted by fellow Missouri Southern students, who upon discovering I write for *The Chart*, ask me something along the lines of "Why do you guys always have such bad stuff to say?"

Of course, I answer with something like, "Well, in the journalism field, you have to report the good with the bad."

However, one area of this campus at times displays more hostility

toward *Chart* reporters than others — those whose offices and second homes are located in Robert Ellis Young Gymnasium.

No, I don't believe many in the athletic department will be mourning the loss of J.L. Griffin and his smart-aleck remarks, snappy one-liners, and round-about slams after he graduates (?) this spring. And sorry to disappoint everyone who feels they have been offended in one way or another, but Nick Parker and Andre Smith will still be around next year.

But where do I fit into this testosterone-filled pool of sports columnists? I don't.

Sorry guys, I'm not jumping in, just laying out.

But now it's my turn, to turn the tables on my male counterparts.

Missouri Southern's baseball team will be losing nine of its senior leaders to graduation this spring. Stephen Crane, Bobby Braeckel, Dana Morris, Brandon Eggleston, R.J. Forth, Cody Morin, Marcus Patton, Mike Bronakoski, and Ralph Iovinelli are all completing their final season as Lions.

All of these players have individual accolades that would constitute one of my fluffy feature stories. However, these players stick out in my mind not because of the accomplishments they've made, but because of the "team" they've helped lead.

"Team" is defined as two or more players on one side of the game, a group trained to work together, and two or more animals harnessed to the same implement.

First, two or more players on one side of the game. That's pretty self explanatory.

Second, a group trained to work together. These guys are not only teammates but roommates and friends as well.

They are not self-serving. Anyone of them when asked what their goals were for the season would state their team goal first and individual goals second, if they state them at all.

The third is the most crucial element of a team — two or more animals harnessed to the same implement (though this cannot be taken literally). The implement for the baseball team is the foundation for which the program is developed.

School, first. Community, second. Baseball, third.

Though the players may not be harnessed together (or animals for that matter), there is nothing like a little community service to tie a team together.

And with head coach Warren Turner holding the reins, that's one aspect surely not to change anytime soon. □

### SOFTBALL

# THE CHART SPORTS SCENE

Friday, May 1, 1998

## Lady Lions bring home MIAA crown

By JOE ECKHOFF  
STAFF WRITER

**S**aving the best for last, the Lady Lion softball squad played its most solid games of the season last weekend, bringing home the MIAA tournament title.

The 10-inning 1-0 win came courtesy of freshman pitcher Britany Hargis. With bases loaded in the 10th inning for Emporia State and two outs, Hargis recorded her 10th strikeout of the game.

"The last game was a perfect example of classic fast-pitch softball, and every time that Britany needed a strikeout, she got one," said coach Pat Lipira.

Sophomore Melissa Wheatley scored the winning run off sophomore Kelley Hale's single in the top of the 10th.

Even though Lipira and Southern won the MIAA conference tournaments in 1990, 1992, and 1993, she said there was something a lit-

tle bit different about this particular team.

"This was the most exciting one, because we struggled through all the injuries, and this is a nice win for Missouri Southern," Lipira said.

The MIAA championship does not guarantee a berth in the four-team regional tournament. The regional winner will advance to the national tourney in Pensacola, Fla. As of Wednesday, Southern (34-10 overall) was ranked No. 2 behind Nebraska-Kearney and in front of Regis (Colo.) University and Mesa (Colo.) State College. Washburn is ranked fifth.

The ranking does not lock up a trip to the tourney, but Lipira is confident her team will not only go but also be successful.

"Because we are ranked second, I don't see any way we would be out of the tournament," Lipira said. "Now it's just a matter of finding out the seeds and sites. We went to Pensacola over spring break and kept saying

we were hoping this was one of two trips there.

Some individual players for the Lady Lions were honored this week as the MIAA all-conference team was announced. First-team players were Hargis, senior outfielder Kim Wilson, and senior second baseman Jennifer Jimerson, who was also named conference player of the year.

"She (Jimerson) was the only unanimous first-team selection and has great respect from all of the conference coaches," Lipira said. "I had so many coaches telling me how good she was. She turned a great play into a routine play for her."

It was a surprise to Jimerson to be selected as the top player in the MIAA.

"I was real surprised because there are so many great players in the conference," Jimerson said. "I have to give credit to my teammates because it took all eight players for me to receive this award. I'm real thank-

ful; this just reassures that if you work hard you will get rewarded."

Hargis received freshman of the year honors after her performance at the tourney.

"Until the tournament there were three other candidates, but her performance at the conference tournament didn't leave any questions," Lipira said.

Players were not the only members of the team honored by the MIAA. Lipira was selected as the conference coach of the year.

"That award is really a tribute to the players and the way they performed," Lipira said. "It is also a tribute to Dinah McCall, my assistant coach. That award goes to everyone because of what they did during the season. All I had to do was convince them they did it." □

Nick Parker, managing editor, continues this story.

### BASEBALL

## Southern steps up to postseason

By JEFF WELLS  
STAFF WRITER

**S**aturday is the opening round of the MIAA tournament for the baseball Lions. Missouri Southern (fifth seed, 12-8 in the MIAA) will travel to Emporia State (fourth seed, 15-10) for a best two-out-of-three series.

Regular season games that were postponed to this week were canceled. Tuesday's planned series at Truman State was rained out. Wednesday's game against Southwest Baptist was inconsequential without a Southern-Truman match-up, so it was not played.

Southern (21-18 overall) and Emporia share the same win-loss percentage in the conference. Emporia gets the fourth seed and opportunity to host the mini-tournament on a tie-breaker system.

"We were tied with the same win-loss percentage; the next tie breaker is head-to-head," said Southern coach Warren Turner. "They beat us two here at our place, so they deserve to be four and we five."

The Hornets swept a March 24 double-header at Joe Becker Stadium. Capturing the first game 8-1 and the second 10-8.

"In the second game, in the bottom of the seventh inning, we had the winning run on second and hit a line drive to the right fielder. He made a great shoe-string catch. If he doesn't make that catch, we win," Turner said.

"Emporia will be tough," said senior outfielder R.J. Forth. "We should beat them here, but we let it slip away."

The Lions expressed surprise that Emporia State dropped 10 games to MIAA foes this year.

"I think they are a lot better than their percentage shows," Turner said. "I figure they are one of the top two or three teams in the conference."

The players agreed with Turner's analysis of the Hornets.

"I don't know how they lost 10 games in conference; that surprised me," said senior outfielder Stephen Crane. "They are a good team, they have good pitching, they play good defense. They looked real good against us during the season."

The Lions will put their top hurling duo on the mound for Saturday's first game. Kevin Escala (4-2) will start with Ralph Iovinelli (5-4) the probable reliever.

The first game will be the key to the series, as the Lions would like to capture two on Saturday. A third game, if necessary, will be played on Sunday.

"We need to try for sure to get that first game; that's the biggest game of the series right there," Forth said.

The seniors are playing with extra incentive trying to make sure their last game is a win.

"Bob Braeckel, Steve [Crane], and I have been together for four years since freshmen starting," Forth said. "We've played a lot of games together, and we just want to keep prolonging the season as long as we can." □

### TRACK & FIELD



GINNY DUMOND/The Daily

## With a little push to urge on his teammate Jack Halsey (right), hands the baton to Chris Webb for the last leg of the 4x100 relay during Friday's meet at Hughes Stadium. The MIAA conference meet begins today in Kirksville.

## Conference awaits Lion runners

By GINNY DUMOND  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

**L**ast Friday's Bill Williams Invitational at Hughes Stadium proved to be a successful meet for the Lions, who will be beginning their conference competition at Kirksville today.

"We had a small but high quality meet," women's track coach Patty Vavra said. "It should be a confidence builder heading into conference."

Heather Hoyle's provisional qualifying times in the 100- and 200-meter runs, with a school record in the 200 as well as high-quality performances by Tina Keller and DaLana Lofland in the hurdles and sprints were highlights for the Lady Lions.

Rachel Carlin was gone last weekend to compete in the conference heptathlon competition in Maryville, where she finished in fifth place.

"This was her first heptathlon in two and a half years," Vavra said. "She was able to really come through in the 800 and pull herself from seventh to fifth place."

Tough competition at conference will be the Lady Lions' biggest test in weeks and one of their last chances for national qualifying times.

"I think our young ladies are physically in good shape and their confidence should be pretty high," Vavra said. "We've had some good meets across the board this season. The sprints and hurdles are as deep and competitive as they have been in years."

Though the throwers have had a good season, Vavra

says the conference is so rich in good throwers that it can make real difference in placing.

Tom Rutledge, men's track coach, said last weekend's meet was a chance for the Lions to compete in different races than they were used to in order to increase speed, which he hopes will pay off today and Saturday.

"It helped upgrade our times and distances, so we're really pleased with the outcome," he said.

Rutledge also noted dedication on the part of Tyson Sims, who had personal best jumps in the high jump and long jump after finishing a scrimmage for spring football.

Several throwers on the men's side did well, including freshman Ryan Simmons.

"Ryan Simmons probably had the best day of all he PR'd in every event he was in, I think," Rutledge said.

Rutledge said freshman standout Tomi Paalanen has pulled muscle in his back, which is causing some concern.

"It's just kind of a nagging problem; he keeps trying to improve every time," Rutledge said.

Going into conference with a young team, Rutledge says he hopes Southern can have peak performances in the two-day period.

"I've got good young men," he said. "True character found when the deck is stacked against you and you compete against adversity."

"We're weak because we only have one senior. It's a heavy load on some of those young kids, but they're mature a lot this week." □

### ATHLETICS

## College recognizes athletic achievements of five inductees

### Southern chooses several honorees

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**E**ach year a select group of former Southern athletes, coaches, and administrators, whose accomplishments have affected the college in a unique way, are honored by being named to the Missouri Southern Athletic Hall of Fame.

According to Jim Frazier, men's athletic director, a committee of head coaches in each sport and former inductees make nominations in their respective sports.

In order to be considered for such an honor, former student-athletes must have been letter winners, Southern graduates, and 10

years must have passed since they participated in Southern athletics.

Coaches are chosen through such factors as win-loss records, achievements of former student athletes, and character.

Betsy Taylor, Terri Dresh, Pat Lipira, Dr. Joel Tupper, and Skip Hale will all be recognized for their contribution to Southern athletics during Homecoming ceremonies the week of Oct. 18-24.

Throughout her career at Southern, Taylor not only played on the first women's basketball and tennis teams at Southern, but was also named most valuable player for tennis and was the outstanding senior award winner for tennis and basketball for the 1975-76 season.

Taylor, who has been teaching in Carthage for 23 years and also serves as tennis coach and wellness coordinator for the district,

says she is proud of the nomination for more than one reason.

"Terri Dresh and I are good friends," she said. "It's nice to see we both made it the same year."

Dresh also played on Southern's first tennis team and was named outstanding basketball player and female athlete of the year for 1974-75. For her efforts in the 1976-77 season, Dresh was named outstanding senior tennis player, outstanding senior basketball player, and female athlete of the year.

Since graduation, Dresh has coached both volleyball and basketball and is athletic director and elementary teacher at College Heights Christian School.

Hall of Fame inductee Lipira has become a familiar face and name around the Southern campus. Over the past 17 years as head coach of the Lady Lion softball team, Lipira

has garnered a career record of 558-235, which is fifth on the active NCAA list of victorious coaches.

She also led her team to the 1992 NCAA Division II national championship, earned national coach of the year honors, and was named MIAA coach of the year four times.

Lipira, who says she is "excited and honored," admits she is pleased about the induction because it offers her an opportunity she doesn't get often.

"Being inducted into the Hall of Fame will give me the chance to see a lot of former players," she said. "I've made a lot of friends, and sometimes it's hard to say goodbye to them."

Two former Lion football players are also on the list of inductees.

Dr. Joel Tupper was a starter at center for two years for the Lions,

Tupper was first team All-District 16 and Central Intercollegiate Conference in both 1981 and 1982. Tupper became Southern's only first All-American and first Academic All-American.

Tupper is now a member of Southern's medical team.

Skip Hale, former Southern quarterback and most recently president of the Football Association, says he is proud of his accomplishments.

"I'm proud to be a Missouri Southern graduate," he said. "That's where some of my memories and friends are from."

Hale was a two-year starting